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Only about 1 percent of the estimated 10,000 foreign workers in the CNMI were applied for and were granted H visas in the 52 months since late 2009, but officials hope that the five-year extension of the CW program will be used not only to train U.S. workers but also to transition valuable and qualified CW workers into nonimmigrant or immigrant visa classifications available under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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AGRICULTURAL TOURISM

A male tourist tries on traditional island wear for women while his wife laughingly looks on at Tamping's Farm, a family farm in Kagman that gives tourists a chance to experience farm life on Saipan, including a sampling of local fruits. Agricultural tourism is becoming a favorite activity in the CNMI, which received 32,035 tourists in April 2014, a 1-percent drop from the same month last year.

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Pinkeye outbreak in CNMI

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has confirmed an outbreak of conjunctivitis, more commonly known as "pinkeye," in the Commonwealth.

Viral and bacterial pinkeye are extremely contagious.

CHCC has issued a health advisory informing the general public of the pinkeye outbreak and advises affected children and adults to stay home to avoid spreading the virus.

Redness of the eye is the typical telltale symptom of pinkeye. Ac-

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OAG: Open Govt Act not applicable to the Legislature

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The popular initiative making the Open Government Act applicable to the Legislature is unconstitutional, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Assistant attorney general Reena Patel asserted that OGA does not apply to the Legislature because voter initiatives are subject to constitutional scrutiny.

Each legislature has the constitutional power to adopt their own rules and regulations for procedure and therefore the OGA is invalid as it conflicts with the Constitution, said Patel as counsel for

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Local

Lizama, Pineda hailed as Kagman High's top graduates

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Kagman High School bestowed its highest academic excellence awards yesterday on two of its outstanding students—Ezra Lizama and Jace Pineda—who emerged as this year's class valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Along with his parent and guardians, Lizama received the prestigious Board of Education award after being named top of the graduating class. Lizama, the son of Shirley and the late Ben Lizama, was also the recipient of six other special awards.

Pineda, the class salutatorian and recipient of the Commissioner of Education Award for 2014,

is the daughter of Elmer and Tess Pineda. Like Lizama, Pineda was also presented with five other special awards, including outstanding female graduate.

In their joint address before hundreds of spectators and guests, Lizama and Pineda honored their parents, guardians, teachers, and loved ones.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Pineda said she plans to enroll at Northern Marianas College before transferring to the University of Guam to pursue biology and then on to the United States to become a doctor.

Lizama, meantime, will be flying soon to the U.S. mainland to pursue computer science.

KHS conferred diplomas to 141 seniors in a ceremony with

the theme "Keeping true to the dreams of our youth."

This year's Top Ten awardees are Lizama, Pineda, Michaelle Marie Muña, Justin Arangorin, Nonglak Kapileo, Kristine Marie Babauta, Mona Monique Indalecio, Lou Shrine Guevarra, Dorothy Jebehn, and Andrea Juanette Camacho.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and members of the Legislature bestowed the prestigious Governor's Leadership Award on Kristine Marie Babauta, while the Principal's Award went to Lorielyn Monica Lacay.

The Board of Education and the Public School System presented the Service Recognition Award on Michaelle Marie Muña for serving as the students' repre-

sentative on the education board.

Class accomplishments

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan disclosed yesterday that all 141 graduates of KHS this year are the same number of students who entered the school some four years ago.

In this year's batch of graduates, 95 have been accepted to college and universities, she said. Twenty-nine of them have confirmed going to college off-island. A large number this year also made the decision to join the military and 26 of them are ready to go.

Based on the school's exit polls, 13 students want to work after graduation, while 17 are



EZRA LIZAMA
Valedictorian
Board of Education Award



JACE PINEDA
Salutatorian
Commissioner's Award

undecided about their plans after graduation.

According to KHS principal Leila Staffler, this year's batch of graduates has also been very productive as they logged a combined 6,000-plus hours of community service.

Also, three seniors finished before the fourth quarter; five

juniors are graduating early; and several students already have been offered jobs because of their participation in the Co-operative Program.

Yesterday's commencement rites was keyed by teacher Gerard VanGills and was graced by members of the Legislature and education officials.

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Senate honors Filipino groups

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The Senate has adopted a resolution recognizing the umbrella organization of Filipino groups in the CNMI, as Filipinos worldwide mark today the 116th anniversary of the Philippine declaration of independence.

Senate Resolution 18-29, authored by Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), acknowledges the United Fili-

pino Organizations' "extraordinary contributions" to the CNMI, including their disaster relief efforts.

"UFO has consistently joined the CNMI government and private sector in various community projects and programs through volunteer work," senators said.

Now led by its president Anamae Adaza, UFO spearheaded fundraising to help victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in the Philippines last year.

UFO donated \$14,150 to the Philippine Consulate General in Guam to go toward typhoon relief efforts. The group, with the help of individuals and businesses, also sent relief goods to typhoon-hit areas.

Founded in 1997, UFO aims to unite the many diverse regional, professional, sports, and other Filipino organizations in the CNMI.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed on Sunday a CNMI-Philippines friendship proclamation and

joined Philippine officials in a flag-raising ceremony at the Coral Ocean Point Resort.

The CNMI and the Philip-

Registration for NMC summer session to begin next week

The Northern Marianas College is inviting students to enroll into its summer session so they can earn additional credits toward their degree and accelerate their path to graduation.

Registration for NMC's regular summer session will begin on Monday, June 16, 2014, and will continue until Friday, June 20, 2014. NMC's summer session will run from June 23 to

Aug. 1, 2014. New students are required to take the placement tests before they register. The schedule of placement tests and the summer 2014 class schedule can be found online at www.marianas.edu.

Those who have not applied for admission can still do so by visiting the college's Office of Admissions and Records and picking up an application form. Application

forms can also be downloaded from the NMC website. Students who were enrolled during the fall 2013 and/or spring 2014 semester are considered ongoing students, so there is no need to re-apply for admissions.

For more information, contact Manny Castro at 234-5498 Ext 6772 or via email at manny.castro@marianas.edu, or visit marianas.edu. (**NMC**)

OAG

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the CNMI government, CNMI Lottery Commission, and Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Patel asked the Superior Court to dismiss all counts in the complaint filed by Glen D. Hunter against the defendants.

Hunter is suing the government, Inos, the Lottery Commission, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, and

Reps. Rafael S. Demapan and Felicidad T. Ogunoro, for allegedly violating the OGA in passing the casino law.

Hunter's lawyer, Jennifer Dockter, said it seems as though Inos and the other defendants are choosing to argue that the law does not apply to them.

Dockter said that voters were very clear when they passed the popular initiative in 2009: they demanded that the OGA apply to the Legislature.

"Voters demanded transparency. So we are disappointed

that the defendants are trying to undo the will of the people," Dockter said.

Patel argued that issues relating to the Legislature's procedural rules are not justiciable unless there is a constitutional violation in respect to the separation of powers.

Patel cited that the CNMI Constitution and many other state constitutions give legislatures discretion to adopt their own rules and procedures.

"As such, statutes, or in this case popular initiatives that

limit such power are unconstitutional," she said.

Patel said any initiatives that are in conflict with the Constitution are invalid.

She said the popular initiative conflicts with the Legislature's constitutional power, as it provides for rules of the Legislature's procedure.

"For example, the Open Government Act imposes a 72-hour meeting notice, but it would be within the Legislature's constitutional power to impose a lesser meeting notice," Patel said.

The OGA, she pointed out, can only be made applicable to the Legislature by either constitutional amendment or adoption by each chamber of the Legislature.

Hunter's complaint, Patel said, does not allege that there was a constitutional amendment or that each house of the 18th Legislature adopted the OGA as part of its constitutional right to promulgate its rules of procedure.

Therefore, she said, Hunter has not met his burden to allege sufficient facts to show that the OGA applies to the Legislature.

Patel said even if each house of the 18th Legislature adopted the OGA as its rules, whether the Legislature followed its rules would not be justiciable unless the issue was strictly tied to a constitutional violation.

Inos and the Lottery Commission, she said, should be dismissed from all counts as Hunter does not state a claim against them.

In essence, Patel said, the complaint is based on the Legis-

lature's failure to properly give notice of their general meetings.

However, Patel said, Hunter does not allege facts that show that either Inos or the Lottery Commission is responsible for ensuring that proper notice is given for legislative sessions.

Neither Inos nor the Lottery Commission are governing bodies of the Legislature, House, or Senate, Patel said.

Although Hunter alleges that Inos signed both bills even though they were not properly noticed, he does not state that Inos' signature violated the OGA or any other law, Patel added.

Hunter's lawsuit asked the court to issue a judgment declaring that the OGA rendered the casino law null and void.

Hunter wants the court to issue an injunction preventing Inos, the Lottery Commission, and the CNMI government from taking any more acts in furtherance or support of the alleged illegal casino law.

WORKERS

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Most employers have continued to rely on the CW program even for positions that could qualify for H1B visas, for example. And only a few have since applied for H visas for their qualified workers.

"When the transition period started, we were under the impression that professional workers who qualify for H visas will be rejected if they applied for a CW permit so as early as late 2009, we started applying for H visas for our elementary and high school teachers. We got approved for H visas," an executive of a popular private school on Saipan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The official said these teachers have been valuable to the school, where they have worked for over 10 years.

Because they are an educational institution, the school spent only \$850 for each of the H1B visa, which is valid for three years, the official said.

This is much cheaper than the initial and renewal application for a CW permit in a three-year period.

But the private school is now having difficulty renewing the H1B visas of these teachers because of a lack of a "current" and "valid" prevailing wage survey that's needed for the foreign labor certification as part of the renewal process.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce was not able to obtain a grant this time from the U.S. Department of the Interior to update their 2011 prevailing wage survey. As of yesterday, the CNMI Department of Commerce has yet to initiate any survey.

"If we use the Guam prevailing wage survey, their rates are much higher than the CNMI's. We hope that the CNMI government would do something to have a new prevailing wage survey," the school official said.

Alex Sablan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said that businesses' H visa applications are being denied because of a lack of a current prevailing wage survey.

From Nov. 28, 2009, to March 31, 2014, there were 230 applications for H1B and H2B visas from CNMI employers, data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shows.

Of these H visa applications, 136 or 59 percent were approved; 79 applications were denied.

Of the 136 approved, 135 were for H1B visas and only one for H2B visas.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), in a separate interview, said the CNMI could see a spike in the number of H2B visa applications because of construction projects.

He said CW permit holders in the construction business will still be able to continue to work, but only until Dec. 31, 2019, the new expiration date for the CW program.

Sablan, however, said he's "not going to tell employers what to do."

Employers are wary not only about the application process but also the cost of an H visa application, which could reach \$3,000 per worker. However, compared to a CW permit that's valid for only a year, an H visa is valid for multiple years and could be renewed way beyond 2019.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has repeatedly said that employers always have the option to apply for an

H visa for their qualified foreign workers, and that the five-year extension of the CW program will allow them to transition these employees into these visa categories.

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan also touted the importance of skilled and professional foreign workers in completing DPW projects on the islands.

Juan "Pan" Guerrero, general manager of Herman's Modern Bakery, Inc., said CNMI employers have to "explore all possibilities to be able to retain our valuable, key foreign employees."

Guerrero said the CNMI's biggest and oldest existing bakery has trained and hired U.S. workers and interns, only to lose most of them in a month. He said their "key" employees at the bakery are under the CW program and it's a challenge to keep them beyond 2019.

"While baking is not the most complicated job, our employees know the dynamics and know every aspect of the business. Now we have to see which visa we can apply for them. They need to meet the educational, training, and experience requirements but you see, what do federal agencies know about the CNMI? We don't have a choice," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Guerrero said the CNMI also has the most expensive shipment costs for most commodities from the U.S.

"To ship one container of flour, you need at least \$7,000," he added.

Foreign workers in the CNMI include nurses, engineers, architects, teachers, journalists, certified public accountants, technicians, mechanics, electricians, construction workers, hotel and

restaurant workers, caregivers, house helpers and farmers, among other professions.

With an improving economy and major construction projects in the pipeline, the number of available and qualified U.S. workers is still not enough to sustain the CNMI economy, thus the continued need for skilled and professional foreign workers.

Immigration reform, Obama action

Sablan remains optimistic that within five years, a national immigration reform bill will pass the U.S. Congress. If that doesn't happen, he said, President Barack Obama can use his executive authority on immigration reform as he has been hinting at.

The delegate cited Obama's latest memorandum directing the Education secretary to propose regulations that would allow nearly five million federal direct student loan borrowers the opportunity to cap their student loan payments at 10 percent of their income.

"I am very convinced that if Speaker [John] Boehner were to put immigration bill on the floor for a vote, it will pass," Sablan added, referring to S. 744, H.R. 15 or any other immigration reform bills.

Both S. 744 and H.R. 15 grant a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States. They also have CNMI-specific provisions giving legal, long-term foreign workers in the CNMI a chance to apply for improved immigration status such as "green card," pathway to citizenship. S. 744 passed the U.S. Senate about a year ago, but has yet to pass the GOP-controlled House.

PINKEYE

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cording to CHCC advisory, it typically begins in one eye and involves the other within a few days. Swelling of the eyelids is more common with bacterial pinkeye and other allergic reactions to chemical or other environmental elements.

The public is advised that the virus is easily spread through poor hygiene like poor hand washing or sharing an object like towels with others. This can also be spread through coughing and sneezing, according to the advisory.

"Children and adults diagnosed with infectious pinkeye should stay out of school, daycare, and work for a short period of time until they are clear from the virus," states the advisory.

For those wearing contact lenses, they should also stop wearing these lenses while the condition of pinkeye is active.

In severe cases, injury to the cornea can result in scarring and permanent vision loss.

Those infected with pinkeye are advised to see their primary care physician or eye doctor if symptoms persist, get worse, and/or they are experiencing vision problems.

Data on how many public

school children have been infected with pinkeye in the past days and weeks were not readily available yesterday.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*, however, that public schools are not seeing an alarming number of conjunctivitis cases so far.

She pointed out that the system is always ready to provide assistance to whoever may need it at the school level.

"We do have a precautionary [standard operating procedures] on any kind of outbreak...and as far as pinkeye outbreak is concerned, I haven't received anything from public health," said Sablan.

Sablan, upon learning about the latest advisory from CHCC, immediately informed her leadership team to assess the situation in schools.

"Now that we know about this outbreak, I need to assess our situation and inform our leadership and principals in all our schools," she added.

According to the World Health Organization website, an outbreak is the occurrence of cases of disease in excess of what would normally be expected in a defined community, geographical area or season. It may last for a few days or weeks, or for several years.

CPA Sgt. Mendiola discloses he served as 'ice' informant

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Floyd M. Mendiola, a Commonwealth Ports Authority police sergeant who is facing a criminal case in federal court for alleged involvement in a conspiracy to sell methamphetamine or "ice," has revealed that was an informant for federal agents on promises that, among other things, he will avoid criminal liability.

In his declaration filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court, Mendiola said that he and a police officer went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in Puerto Rico sometime in January 2014 at the officer's invitation that Drug Enforcement Administration agent Jackie Gordon wanted to talk to him. Mendiola said he met Gordon and an FBI agent at the FBI office.

Mendiola said the agents told him they need some information from him and that they knew everything about him, including selling methamphetamine or "ice."

Mendiola said he denied selling "ice," but the agents told him by "sell" they meant arranging the sale.

Mendiola said he told them he needs a lawyer but the agents reportedly stated that if he has a lawyer "everything's going to change."

He said he turned to the police officer and asked in Chamorro if he should have a lawyer, and the officer replied it's not necessary because the agents are trying to help him.

Mendiola said the officer told him that they were going to help him "get out clean" and that all he has to do is just cooperate with them.

"I understood this to mean that if I gave the information I had, then I would not be arrested or prosecuted," he said.

Mendiola's lawyer, Joseph Horey, submitted the declaration in support of their motion to dismiss the indictment filed against the defendant.

Horey said the indictment should be dismissed or, if not, Mendiola's statements to government agents should be suppressed.

"The totality of the circumstances in this case reveals a combination of promises (that defendant will 'get out clean,' avoid criminal liability and save his job) and coercion (confrontation, accusations, threats of prosecution, and isolation from legal counsel), more than sufficient to overbear the will of a suspect and render his statements involuntary and inadmissible," the lawyer added.

In his declaration, Mendiola said in that meeting at the FBI

office, he asked if he was being arrested. Gordon reportedly said they could have him arrested but they want him to cooperate with them.

Mendiola said he was told that if he cooperated with them by identifying anyone who sells "ice," he would get "leniency." He said he understood that to mean that if he provided accurate information, he would not be charged criminally.

Mendiola said the agents told him that they want to help him save his job by just cooperating with them.

After that, Mendiola said, he cooperated with the agents, identifying several individuals known to him as "ice" dealers and/or users.

He said he attempted to conduct a "buy-bust" for the agents, but the target turned out not to have any "ice" for sale at the time.

"I also made some self-incriminating statements to the agents. All this took place over the course of about four meetings with them," he said.

Mendiola said at one of these meetings, the agents made him identify two voices in a recording. In that meeting, Mendiola said the agents told him he was not an informant anymore.

Mendiola said he didn't hear from the agents again until he was arrested last May 27.

"At no time during any of my meetings with the agents did anyone advise me of my right to remain silent or to have an attorney," he said.

According to the indictment, from Feb. 27, 2013 to March 2, 2013, Mendiola conspired with other persons to distribute "ice." No other details were provided in the indictment. Mendiola has been released to a third-party custodian upon posting a \$25,000 unsecured bond.



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Constitutionality of NMI law banning guns questioned

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A man facing charges for allegedly pointing a gun at another man has questioned the constitutionality of the Commonwealth's Weapons Control Act that "creates a near-absolute ban on possession of handguns."

Attorney Daniel T. Guidotti, counsel for defendant Ji Jing Borja, has asked the Superior Court to dismiss count 3 of the information charging Borja with unlawful possession of a

firearm.

Guidotti argued that the near-absolute ban on handguns under the Commonwealth Weapons Act is facially invalid because it infringes on Second Amendment rights guaranteed to every person on Commonwealth soil.

According to the information, Borja allegedly possessed a Ruger P89 9mm handgun. He is presently out on bail. His jury trial will start on June 23, 2014, before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

In the motion to dismiss,

Guidotti cited that under U.S. Supreme Court case law, the Commonwealth's near-absolute ban on handguns is facially unconstitutional.

Guidotti said the CNMI Weapons Control Act is not mere regulation of possession of handguns but actually bans anyone in the Commonwealth from using "the most preferred firearm in the nation" to "protect one's home and family."

"This is an invasion of the core fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amend-

ment," the lawyer pointed out.

Last year, when attorney Mark Scoggins raised the same issue in a separate case, the Office of the Attorney General dropped the charge of illegal possession of firearm three days before a jury trial.

Police arrested Borja in January 2012 for allegedly pointing a gun at another man in western Garapan. He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, illegal possession of firearm, and disturbing the peace.

Loria Dee Hocog named new student rep on BOE

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has appointed Loria Dee Hocog as the new student representative on the Board of Education effective today, June 12.

Hocog, whose term will last throughout the duration of her enrollment in the Public School System, will replace incumbent Michaelle Marie Muña from



Hocog

Kagman High School.

Hocog will serve as a non-voting member on the board. Her appointment does not require the consent of the Legislature.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said his administration is confident that Hocog will make valuable contributions to the board. Inos is also appreciative of Hocog's willingness to serve and provide input from a student's point of view.

Hocog's appointment was welcomed yesterday by BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero. In his letter to Hocog, Guerrero advised that in order for the new representative to provide a true students' perspective, it will be her responsibility to seek ways to gain an understanding of what that perspective is.

Guerrero said the student rep position is constitutionally mandated.

"It is an immense responsibility and one that this board takes very seriously. We look forward to working with you to accomplish these mandates and to your contributions to continually improve our public education for the benefit of CNMI students," stated Guerrero.

'Proven leadership skills'

Loria Dee Hocog is a junior at Saipan Southern High School. She is the daughter of Rose and Derek Hocog.

Since her elementary days at Koblerville Elementary School, Hocog has been a consistent honor student and participant in many school and community activities. She had also served various groups and youth organizations including the Manta Ray Refaluwasch Club, softball club, and others.

Hocog completed her elementary studies as class valedictorian. She was also a consistent honor student during her middle school years.

She was the first princess in the 2012 Liberation Day. In high school, she is an AP Honor Student and member of Lady Rays Fast Pitch softball team.

"I am very honored to be appointed as the student representative. I am ready to carry the voice of the students to Board of Education so that their concerns will be heard. I encourage my peers throughout the CNMI, especially those on Tinian and Rota, to feel free to contact me with their concerns so that I can properly and fully convey it to the powers-that-be," she told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

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Trial begins in Guam crash-stabbing rampage

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Nearly 170 people are expected to testify in the murder trial of a 22-year-old man charged with killing three Japanese tourists and hurting 11 others during a rampage in a busy tourist area last year, prosecutors and defense lawyers say.

Jury selection began this week in the trial of Chad Ryan DeSoto. Authorities said DeSoto barreled his car down a sidewalk, crashed into a convenience store, then got out and stabbed bystanders—including two infants—during the Feb. 12 rampage that shocked the island U.S. territory. The three tourists killed were Kazuko Uehara,

81, and Rie Sugiyama, 29, who were stabbed to death. Hitoshi Yokota, 51, was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later. Opening statements are scheduled for Monday.

DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness, disease or effect to charges of aggravated murder and attempted murder. He has been evaluated by two forensic psychiatrists, but the evaluations were sealed. If convicted, DeSoto faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case has drawn international attention, with some raising questions about tourist safety in the U.S. territory

after the rampage and media outlets in Asia showing significant interest.

Judiciary spokesman Joshua Tenorio said the trial will last more than a month, with an influx of foreign media packed with members of the public and 18 jurors in a courtroom with 40 seats.

It's not a typical case, Tenorio said.

"There's a lot of public interest in it because of the nature of

the crime that occurred. Also (because of) all the potential impacts this may have on perceptions of Guam," he said. "For us, our mission in the court system is that justice is given in a fair and timely manner."

Guam is a popular destination for Japanese tourists, with flights from Tokyo taking about 3½ hours. Guam gets about 200 flights from Japan weekly, Guam Visitors Bureau spokes-

man Josh Tyquingco said. Last year, Guam had 1.3 million visitors total, and industry experts expect arrivals to grow this year.

The bureau, the territory's main agency that promotes tourism, is paying for the transportation and lodging of some witnesses from Japan and Australia at the request of Guam's attorney general.

"I think [tourism] being the number one industry on Guam,

everyone has a stake in tourism and making sure that we don't have this perception that we're saying we're safe but we're really not," said Antonio Muña Jr., who manages Guam's tourism website and was the Visitors Bureau spokesman when the incident happened. "I believe 100 percent Guam is safe. It's incidents like these that we try to mitigate, and we try to show people that Guam is safe."

Lawyer cites joke as ground for judge's disqualification

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Superior Court Associate Judge

David A. Wiseman's joke on the whereabouts of a flash drive has been cited by lawyer Brien Sers Nicholas as ground for the judge

to be disqualified from presiding over the probate of an estate that has been pending in court for over a decade now.

Wiseman, however, denied Nicholas' motion to disqualify, saying he is thinking of imposing sanctions against the lawyer.

Wiseman said even if the lawyer's allegations were true, his comments did not rise to a level of a "deep-seated and unequivocal antagonism that would render fair judgment impossible."

The flash drive issue arose on the second day of the jury trial of former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero in July 2013. On that day, Wiseman ordered the parties to submit proposed jury instructions in Word format on a flash drive for the court's convenience and to conserve the resources of the parties. Each party submitted.

After that day, Nicholas, as counsel for Guerrero, asked to retrieve his flash drive. Nicholas alleged that Wiseman responded, "It was sent to the NSA [National Security Agency]."

Nicholas, who was also counsel for Enrique Seman, the previous administrator of the estate of Rita Rogolofoi, cited the comment as among the grounds that should disqualify Wiseman from presiding over the probate. He said Wiseman's comment displays the judge's bias and prejudice.

In his affidavit, Nicholas stated that Wiseman "attacked his honor and integrity by accusing him...of criminal acts in the highest order, so to speak...those deemed 'terroristic' in all respect."

Nicholas implied that Wiseman, by and through his comments, was under the "impression that counsel was somehow a treat [sic] to the national security of the United States of America, much less her peoples (sic)."

In his order Thursday denying the motion, Wiseman said that based on his knowledge and recollection, as well as that of his court clerk and law clerk, he responded to Nicholas' inquiry of the whereabouts of his flash drive with a jest made off the record: "I don't know, maybe the NSA has it."

Wiseman said in light of the

surrounding circumstances at the time—the height of the NSA scandal which pervaded the media in response to the public discovering a massive government surveillance program that targeted the communications and devices of millions of Americans—his comment, while deemed unnecessary in retrospect, was "intended to be a satire on the state of affairs regarding government spying on the mainland and around the world."

Wiseman stated that nothing said during the court's proceedings that day or any other would lead the court to genuinely believe Nicholas was a threat to national security or that the NSA would have some legitimate reason to intercept the lawyer's flash drive in the hopes of recovering evidence of terrorist activity.

"To suggest otherwise is inappropriate, unprofessional, and unacceptable to this court," Wiseman said.

The judge stated that Nicholas' allegations and "colossal leaps in logic" are equally offensive to the court, and impugn his integrity as a long-time member of the CNMI Bar and tenure as an associate judge.

Wiseman said even assuming such comments were, in fact, made to Nicholas off the record, a well-informed, thoughtful, and reasonable person would not find that he actually believed counsel to be a terrorist or a threat to national security.

Wiseman said a highly suspicious and cynical person may believe his comment indicated some bias or prejudice toward Nicholas but any reasonable person would recognize it as an attempted jape directed at making light of the infamous NSA scandal of dragnet government surveillance.

Accordingly, Wiseman said he finds that no reasonable person could find that the facts represented by counsel supported the contention that he harbored bias or prejudice toward Nicholas.

Wiseman said Nicholas' accusations regarding the Guerrero case are unfounded and nothing less than benign.

Wiseman said he will continue to preside over the Rogolofoi estate probate until its ultimate and expeditious disposition.

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US House approves bill to speed bank deposits

Funds deposited in most Northern Marianas banks could be available sooner under terms of a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Monday. H.R. 1679, introduced by American Samoa Delegate Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (D), adds both American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands to provisions of the Expedited Funds Availability Act. The Act already applies to all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and allows the Federal Reserve Bank to set rules for how quickly customers get access to funds they deposit in banks.

"Occasionally, constituents have complained about delays in getting their money after they deposit a check at a Northern Marianas bank," according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). "And last year Congressman Faleomavaega alerted me that he had introduced legislation that would prevent excessive delays in the release of funds deposited in banks in American Samoa.

"I wrote to the major banks in the Northern Marianas to see what effect the national standards for release of deposited funds would have on them. Because sometimes there can be unintended consequences or special circumstances in the islands that make federal law inappropriate. But none of our banks objected to being included in the national requirements of the Expedited Funds Availability Act. So, when Congressman Faleomavaega informed me that his bill was going to the floor this week, I asked to be included."

The Expedited Funds Availability Act was enacted in 1987. It requires banks in the U.S. states and some territories to make funds available from deposit of in-state checks no later than the second business day after the check is deposited. Out-of-state checks may be held for up to five business days before funds are released or for six business days in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

But the schedule of hold-times does not apply to American Samoa, the Northern Marianas, or Guam. "Checks can be held for an intermittent and undetermined amount of time, even up to 21 days, before funds are available for the consumer to have access," explained Faleomavaega during discussion of his bill in the House yesterday. "This is unfair for my constituents and has a direct and indirect impact on our local economy.

"For the record, I do not hold the banks at fault," Faleomavaega added, "but given the trend of electronic banking and quicker access to mailing services, I feel that they are able to provide quicker and better services for their customers."

The requirements of the Expedited Funds Availability Act generally apply to federally insured banks. There are variations on the requirements depending upon the type of deposit. For instance, cash deposits made in person, electronic payments, and U.S. Treasury checks, U.S. Postal Money Orders, and checks drawn by a state or other local government must be available for withdrawal on the next business day after the banking day

the funds were deposited.

Funds from local checks would be required to be available not later than the third business day following the banking day on which the funds were deposited. And funds from non-local checks would have to be available by the sixth business day.

Under the provisions of H.R. 1679, the Act would apply in American Samoa and the Northern Marianas in the same way it applies in Alaska, Hawai'i, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

H.R. 1679 passed the House of Representatives on a voice vote without dissent. The bill now goes to the Senate for that body's consideration. *(Office of the Delegate)*

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At 1:30pm on June 15 at American Memorial Park Am-

phitheater, as part of the "670 Reunion of Honor," Friends of the Arts is presenting a Camp Show-style production. Join us, for an hour of big band and '40s sounds, with the MHS Chorus and a host of talented performers. Enjoy iconic tunes of Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters, and Judy Garland. Enjoy the homespun comedy of Abbott and Costello. *(FOA)*



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Half-day schedule at Kagman High

Parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being informed that the week of June 16-19 will be a half-day schedule. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Final exams will be on June 16 and 17, also half-day schedule. Last day for school year 2013-2014 is on June 19, 2014. For more info, call KHS main office at 237-3840/3834 or e-mail khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. *(PR)*

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This is to inform all vehicle owners who are currently in possession of temporary registration plates that were issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicle that the standard-issued metal plates have been received. The temporary plates currently being held by motorists need to be replaced with the regulation metal plates as soon as possible. Motorists may visit the bureau in Susupe to obtain their plates. Any questions can be directed to BMV by calling 664-9066. *(DPS)*

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A soldier's story still in search of an ending

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With all the news, conjecture and debate over the release of a U.S. soldier held captive by the Taliban for five years, it is amazing how quickly many Americans are willing to accept a particular "truth."

I would suggest we wait and see how this plays out—a lesson that was brilliantly taught in a theater and movie production about another "soldier's story."

If you've never seen the 1984 film, "A Soldier's Story," which was directed by the great Norman Jewison, I highly recommend it, especially as you ponder the capture and release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, which has this country embroiled in yet another vicious political fight.

Based on Charles Fuller's Pulitzer-winning drama, "A Soldier's Play," the story opens with a sergeant on his knees shouting, "They still hate you" just before he's shot to death.

Because it is set in Louisiana in 1944, in and around an Army base where black troops are being trained, the first speculation is that the Ku Klux Klan had murdered the African-American sergeant, or perhaps some other racists in a town that didn't want the "Negro" soldiers there.

With an Army lawyer appointed to investigate, the story takes several turns, including throwing suspicion on some white officers on the base who had contempt for the sergeant.

By the end of the play/movie, the audience learns the truth, and it's quite different from what many had thought at the beginning.

Let me suggest that the real-life soldier story of Bergdahl that is being played out in the media, in Congress and across the country has just reached the Act II, Scene 1 stage. There is still much more to be told; much more to learn.

There are those who speculate that Bergdahl, who had left his post in Afghanistan without permission, was a deserter and that he even may have been trying to hook up with the Taliban.

Boosted by some of his former comrades, there are accusations that Bergdahl's disappearance is directly responsible for the deaths of at least six other soldiers during the search for him.

That claim is unsubstantiated, as demonstrated in a carefully researched story in The New York Times.

And Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has said that he knows of no "specific circumstance or details of U.S. soldiers dying as a result of efforts to find and rescue Bergdahl."

And yet that narrative persists as reporters and talk-show hosts interview others from Bergdahl's unit and the parents of soldiers who allegedly were killed while on patrol looking for him.

I suppose it is fine to argue whether the Obama administration should have authorized a trade of five Taliban leaders being held at Guantanamo Bay in exchange for the American soldier's release. Or whether it was wrong for the president to take any action without first consulting Congress, regardless of the urgency or security risks.

Perhaps it is natural to speculate about what should happen to Bergdahl after he returns home, what danger the released Taliban might pose to this country and whether or not we should even care about a soldier who may have questioned our nation's role in the Afghanistan war.

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Boeing ko, bahay ko, boo!

In one of the prescient ads that MAS ran when it just acquired its fleet of Boeing 777 were this haunting lines: "lose yourself on a journey of epic proportions, wherever you go no one will ever know." Set that against MS370, and the ad takes on a different and rather morbid meaning from its intended allure.

MS370 is back in the news, not just because the documents used to base the decision to look into a certain area of the Indian Ocean after the flight disappeared from normal radar have been finally released, but also because China, Malaysia, and Australia will continue with the search, an open and transparent multilateral effort by three nations, already partners in trade and business profits, but never attempted something blatantly humanitarian together before.

To me, it is the revelation that the Malaysian spokesperson earlier accused to be dry of emotions, the acting transport secretary Hishamuddin Hussein, is a cousin of Prime Minister Najib Razak, who is himself a third generation member of a family that has hugged the leadership of Malaysia since independence from Britain. We find this not so much surprising as validating what we suspected all along, that the democratic process of electing representative favors the already positioned who holds a distinct advantage.

In recent years, the Bushes and the Romneys, the Kennedys and the Cuomos, and now, the Clintons, dominate American politics. The occurrence of Reagan and Obama saves the process from solidifying on the side of the already entrenched.

We noted the Nehru-Gandhi line in India, finally deposed by Janata's Modi whose act of inviting the heads of his neighboring countries was a *coup de grace*. Outgoing President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan was properly cloaked and Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan, traditional archrivals in the region, and with India, a divide-and-conquer target of both the Brits and the Americans, was there as well. The presence of President Mahinda Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka, whose policies with his nation's struggle with the Tamil rebellion did not always sit well with Delhi, was greatly Modi-fying, pun intended.

It's the Marcos-Aquino dynasties that got us singing *Bayan ko, bahay ko, boo!* My maternal line is close to Marcos in Batac, Ilocos Norte. A great uncle was the police captain in town when Ferdinand was just getting into politics; an uncle was one of his close aides. But I was also a Cory Aquino partisan before Manong Ferdie was deposed. Even after I was naturalized in the United States, I kept my Philippine passport, and when the government decided that taking on another citizenship does not invalidate the Pea Eye one, I did not hesitate to renew the old book.

There are some 50 nationalities in the U.S. that are "tolerated" dual citizenship. An official in the old INS once told me that the

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duality is not recognized and really has no validity in the United States; it is simply ignored. In a sense he is right. The Philippine passport does not serve any of my interest that the blue book cannot meet except in the archipelago where I am treated as a citizen.

All these *pasa calle* are simply to underscore again what I have said many times: the progeny of the ruling class in the Philippines directly goes back to the U.S. blessed Commonwealth and we had not change much since. Ferdinand himself grew up in a political family and so did his wife Imelda, a Romualdez of Leyte. Current President Noyon gets a double whammy with flamboyant martyred Ninoy Aquino for a dad and former yellow President Cory of the mahjong fame for a mom.

In my *bahay kubo* of Cuyapo where I was born, it is still *Bayan ko, boo hoo hoo!* as peasant and proletariat hardly have any seat on the roundtable of the nation's resources and wealth. The game has been designed to favor the 600 families that constitute the elite of the land (by an old Ateneo inventory), now expanded to 3,000. Still, that is a drop in the bucket on the mass of humanity called Pilipino.

What Pinoys have in common with MS370 is the MAS/Boeing ad: "lose yourself on a journey of epic proportions, wherever you go no one will ever know," except in this case, the Pinoys around the world, in diaspora as an MD in Nigeria, priest of the Inuits in Alaska, *au pair* in Roma's piazza Manila, mom in Sydney, engineer in Brazil, hotel worker in Xi'an, nanny in Singapore, and house maid in Hong Kong, are street-smart and world-wise, and will not be taken lightly especially since their remittances keep the foreign exchange of the Philippines afloat. Perhaps, it is time for *Bayan ko, boo hoo hoo!* to turn into *Bayan ko, wa-ha-ha!*

Today is *Bayan Ko* in Pea Eye's Independence Day. I look at it not from the view of one who was born in an archipelago but rather from the smart and wise *Pinoy* perspective of living in a world where if there are boundaries, they are self-imposed in the mind, but are widely open in the realm of the real. The *Pinoy* holds the option wherever ze is, not just to make a nation proud but to make a people human, thoroughly human, and an individual alive. Let's!

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Buruka I Tanu

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Maseha manu na katsada `sino soñgsuñg, lologlug burukan i tanu` deste dibaten casino, botasion gubietnu, lehislatura, konsihiliun munisipalidad yan mayot.

Sumeha-yu pot para bai` ekuñgog haf` sessu i asuntu. Unu ti soplu: pinadese gi halom megai na familia guine. Deste apas kandet, hinemlu`, gaston neñkanu`, gaselina, yan otu siha obligasion familia. Mientras sige kulan pagpag kuetis, i suetdu masimientu gi fache` sisonyan sa` mama` pigu` gi fondou. Taya` hatsada pot dies años na tiempu.

Maseha makat, animu i amiguha Magoo macho`chu` gi hatdin. Gi lemlem tautau man-uñgag laterian asut mientras sigeyu` mamañot. Guaha `nai ileghu haf` na ti taiguihe modun linala`hu kosake bai` kontentu gi oran deskansaghu.

Lau kada unu mapatte obligasioña. I mas miburukab i offisioghu. Dios mihu guaha `nai sososgunyu` masahalom maseha gofha`an lau inipus katma. Taya` konsuelu fuera ke katen paluman na`abag ni dañkuloña sekosña ke pidasituña.

Fan sehan ñaihon ya in` ekuñgog haf` i asuntu ya ni taimanu na buruka un` fagcha`e eksisiu katma na modun hinassu gi asuntu siha.

Fotte na gaston hinemlu`

I kumahulu` gaston insurance hinemlu` tat ti hana` gaganileg gi halom fache` miseraple na linala`. Mauleg na numeron ritirau lumagnos siha kontodu regulat na empleau ni ti lumañgag i guaguan na kobransa. Megai man-linachai i dididi` gi teteñnan na sueddon niha.

I muna` para mahalan sueddu para health insurance guaha fumagcha`e gotpe`nai debi umana` hanau para hospitat sanhiyuñg. Man-ginacha` induktu mauleg na gaige programan Office of Vocational Rehabilitation ya guiya numa`e ayudu i man-malañgu.

Guaha ha` ti kualifikau ma-ayuda ni Medicaid. Estague` na grupu i na`mase` sa` ginen betsan niha todou gastu yan apas hospitat yan amot. Guaha 52 pot sientu gi todou hutnaleru guine. I hinalom Obamacare dumesplanta ha`anen niha.

Ni si Kilili, lehislatura yan gobietnu no siankassu nu este na matiru gi publiku. Masaulag ke sera, sera kulan pidassun atgidon ni mapada` ñaihon sa` ti mana` presisu. Lau megai man-sinasapet nu este na gastu pa`gu na tiempu!

Minaipen Tautau

Hu faisen un` biahe i defunta nanahu hafa “misan embidia?” Ha esplika gi ginagau inasi`i gi malabidan un` tautau pot no u hinegse ni minaipen tautau.

Hu dobla fumaisen hafa minaipen tautau? Era parehu yan matdision ginen pumalu ni ta hasñgun tumailayiye. Sige hu hassu haye uttimu huna` bubu. Lamegai! Lau puru estrakadan linahyan, taya` petsonat na dineskontentu.

Bes enkuando, sige lokue` hu pasalista hayeyu` muna` bubu. Lau gi karera mona umeyagyu` man-asi`i pot tinagu` i Saina. `Nai hu chogue bittun inasi`i Saina dispues dumispone ayu siha na tautau. Magahet na sen man-apase i Saina gi haf` na che`chu` tinailaye. Libreyu`!

Fan man-hoñgige na sen man-apase i Nanalibreta gi mahasñgon na sakudidan tinailaye. U fattu tatte giya hagu mas ke doble ya un` hinegse estake empas. Sin ginagau abiu inasi`i siempre un` tinatiye

SOLDIER

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As with most things these days in America, people are choosing their sides based on their political ideology: Democrats on one side, Republicans on the other.

If there's an opportunity to blame Obama for anything, you can bet Republicans will do that.

If there's an opportunity to accuse the GOP leadership of demagoguery, you can be assured the Democrats will make that charge.

It's just a shame that either side would use this American soldier's ordeal to try to score political points, particularly since we don't know the full story yet.

Let me suggest that everybody ease off—at least until we've seen Act III of this “soldier's story.”

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esta i naftan-mu.

Na guaha pinasensia yan motmut na bittun inasi`i gi maseha haye na prohimu! I mañglu` inagofl`e malofan sin ditension; mañglu` matdision sumaga ya man-rikohe estake nahoñg para un` binegbug haligimu.

Si Señor Respondot

Sige ham yan si señor respondot umakasse un` lemlem tautau pot tinanom yan ga`ga` giya Marianas. Era uma`afaisen ham haf` magahet tinanom tanu` guine deste antes.

Hu latigasu ni mañggan Chamorro. Ha atanyu` dispues maisen, “Haf` taimanu na un` sasañgan mañggan Chamorro?”

Huna` chadedeg umoppe, “Estabayu` guine kuattro mit años antes gi hinalom primet batku”. Sige dispues chumaleg tuyan. I otu tinanom i niyog. Sige manhassu dispues ha faisenyu` haf` tiniño`hu pot finatton primet simiyan pontan.

“Guahu tumagam gi puetton Saipan i lumailai halom na niyog entre ginen iya Filipinas `sino Thailand”. Sige ta`lu chumaleg pot ileghu na guahu tumagam linailai niyog.

Ha faisenyu` dispues haf` tutuhon finu` Chamorro “dambulu”. Ti siña hu danche lau este ilegña:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let us be open minded about casino

My dear people of Saipan: Please allow me to share with you some very critical reasons why I made a dramatic change in my position on the issue of casino for Saipan.

First and foremost, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the Commonwealth Health Center, the Public School System, and the Retirement Fund are all in financial crisis that our governor has placed most of them under a “state of emergency” at one point or another.

Next, all businesses, our government departments and agencies, and all the people of the CNMI are greatly affected by the most expensive power rate being assessed on us. Most recently, CHCC even went to court to prevent CUC from disconnecting their power. Also, the Public School System and the cental government were never able to settle the government's share in paying CUC. In the case of our hospital, both Medicare and the medical referral exceeded their allotted budget by the millions. I even predicted that in spite of the recently approved food stamp program (NAP) and SNAP, many of our citizens are still struggling to make ends meet.

In the case of the NMI Retirement Fund, thank God the Betty Johnson case saved all of us retirees from the bankruptcy case that the Fund filed some three years ago or else all our many years of investing into the Retirement Fund will be gone.

All the above requires immediate revenue generation and that is where casino comes into place. Casino is only one of the many components of the integrated resort that is being proposed. Presently, the CNMI is in dire need of more hotel rooms in order for us to accomodate the demand of our tourism industry. More rooms

“Gi finatton un` batku, ma-espipiha un` Chamorro `nai man-ma-sañgane na gaige i prohimu ‘down below’ gi halom sagan katga”. Magahet na hihot “down below yan dambulu”. Estaya.

Ha birague` gi na`an “galagu”. Ha esplika na `nai mattu i batku ginen lagu, estaba ayu na ga`ga` lau taina`an gi finu` Chamorro. Dispues mafana`an “galagu”, ga`ga` ginen lagu.

Dispues umafaisen ham haf` magahet na`an familiar mame gi antigu na Chamorro. Ni unu kahulu yan na`an. Uma`atan dispues ya umakonfotma ham na guahu si `atiluñg toru` guiya si “babuen buni-nas”. Hombre, inipus homhum lasashu. Pa`gu i amiguha sosopbla `anchuda` mantikan tiyaña. Tapbla!

Nuebu: Next Time!

Sige si Magoo chumaleg sa` ha huñgog anunsiun Christmas para i mes Juliu pa`gu na sakan. Era planun para umalagnos i tax return yan 25 pot sientu na apas dibin gobietnu gi man-ritirau yan hutnaleru siha.

Mauleg sa` para umanana`lu illigat na ma-utut pagamientun man-ritirau. Dispues de este u guaguaha` mohon para regulat na pagamientu pat mana`lu hit tatte gi 25 pot sientu menos ta`lu? Pues kasse ti Christmas i mamamaila` soluke Kadu`mas!

means more revenues.

Let me now bring up a few concerns to the Lottery Commission to seriously consider when selecting between Mega Stars and Best Sunshine Inc. First, why was Mega Stars allowed to file after the May 5, 2014, deadline? The Lottery Commission must take into consideration the fact that Mega Stars is presently in trouble with the Tinian Gaming Casino Commission. By the way, has Mega Stars cleared Dynasty's arrears with the Division of Revenue and Taxation for the millions of dollars they owe our government?

The Lottery Commission has a very delicate and critical challenge ahead of it and I hope that whatever decision it will decide will be in the best interest of the CNMI.

Lastly, I'm also confused regarding the Marianas Economic Research and Development Foundation's position regarding the integrated resort, or IR. In the beginning, they were actually promoting the concept of IR and stated that IR is the only solution to revive the economy. So why the sudden change of position? Further, since they are set on getting the IR law repealed, what other options do they have to offer to resolve our economic crisis?

In closing, I urge all the over 3,000 retirees and our people to be open minded about the integrated resort and move forward for the economic recovery of the CNMI.

Thank you very much, *sen dankulu na si yuus ma`ase, olomwaay and maraming salamat po.*

Herbert S. Del Rosario

San Antonio, Saipan

To Ms. Ogumoro, get real and join the 21st century

“There is a feeling we are losing control of our own land,” said Felicidad Ogumoro, a member of the small nationalist group on Saipan known as Inetnon Taotao Tano, in a 1991 *Los Angeles Times* article. The group has called for a three-year moratorium on major development projects. “We want to set the rules for our own house. If developers don't like it, let them go home. We come first,” Ogumoro had said.

You lost your chance so stop complaining. I've looked and I can't find anywhere where you chained yourself to Gov. Pedro Tenorio's office door to protest his action of the past eight years when Saipan was literally sold down the river to a hundred or so people. What were you doing? You must have known what was going on in the hotel and garment industries, the abuses, the degradation of your fellow human beings. Opps, wait, these aren't human beings, only Carolinians and Chamorros are human beings. These 30,000 things are just “CW's” and their only right is to live like animals and serve the masters. I don't ever want you to forget that these CW's raised two generations of your kids under the most appalling conditions. I am a witness to what happened to most of those kids and the lie that parents instilled and perpetuated in those kids about their “maids” and “housekeepers.” I just wish the tables could be reversed on the guilty ones for a few years before you die.

You said this at the 3rd Pacific Media Summit: If Section 2109 of the immigration bill is passed, “it will have a devastating effect on Chamorros and Carolinians who have always aspired to maintain their autonomy and be self-governing, a right that is guaranteed and protected under the Covenant.” You added that Section 2109 will

“change and disrupt the social, political and economic livelihood and aspirations of the Chamorros and Carolinians. They will lose control of the right to govern themselves, becoming marginalized in the process. The Chamorros and Carolinians will become a powerless minority in their own native land,”

This is 22 years later and I still can't find anything where you protested the appalling treatment of CW's at the hands of the select few on Saipan. Your inhumanity and lack of ethics and empathy are showing loud and clear. You benefited from it for 30 years, abused it for 30 years, thought it was OK for 30 years and just now it's going to make you powerless. It should. You lost that right when you let a handful of people, exploiters all, take control of the island for their own use, and never once raised your voice while they were raping, pillaging, and burning Saipan. Where were you? You are pathetic. You willingly sell your soul to these crooks but want to deny your neighbors and friends, the people that built Saipan from the ground up, and endured decades of abuse by *some* your fellow islanders, a path to the same citizenship you got just by an accident of birth. This island has been sold out to a few hundred local and foreign elites for 30 years. What you want only exists on places like Puluwat anymore. Suck it up, lady, its 2014. And to the rest of you that feel like Ms. Ogumoro does, I say examine your heart and see if you are devoid of any humanity too. I talk too many of the 15- to 25-year-old crowd and they don't share your views. Listen to them.






Gary Dubrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81

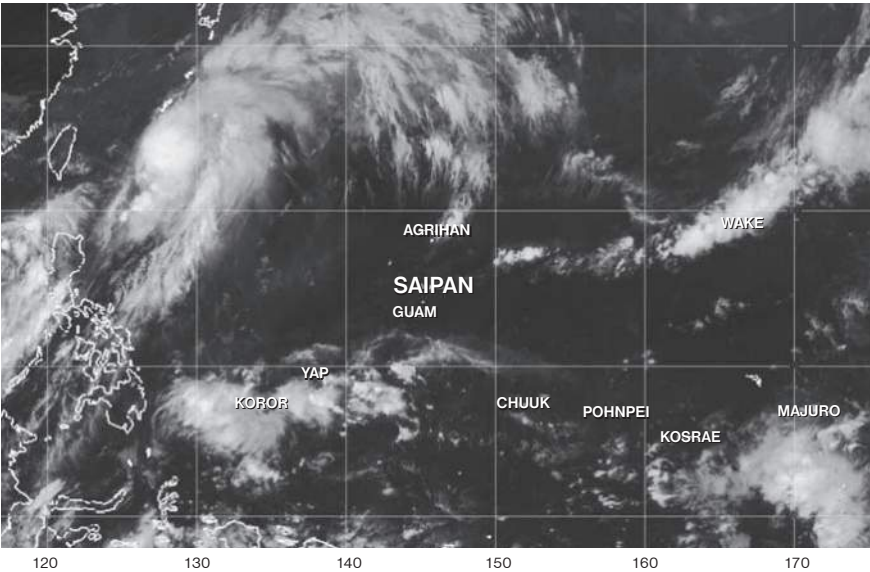
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲61 ▼54
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲94 ▼69
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼77
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼75
London	Mostly Sunny	▲77 ▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼59
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼51
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼76
New York	Showers	▲68 ▼64
Osaka	Rain	▲79 ▼65
Paris	Sunny	▲76 ▼56
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲69 ▼63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲94 ▼70
Salem	Sunny	▲79 ▼51
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲61 ▼52
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲76 ▼61
Tokyo	Rain	▲76 ▼70
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼71

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:35 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
6:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
2:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
9:06 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance centered south of Okinawa is producing cloudiness and showers west of a line from 20N130E to 22N133E to 25N133E. A cold front extends southwestward from 25N170E to 20N163E to 18N151E. Low-level convergence along and southeast of the front is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the area bounded by 18N162E to 25N170E to 25N177E to 21N172E back to 18N162E just north of Wake Island. A narrow line of scattered showers extend farther west from 18N162E to 17N151E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and thunderstorms in the area bounded by 9N131E to 8N138E to 10N143E to 7N144E to 3N134E back to 9N131E. This includes Koror but is south of Yap. Extensive cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with another trade-wind disturbance are found between the equator and a line from 3N163E to 6N170E to 7N180 south of Kosrae and Majuro but including Tarawa and Butaritari.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:51 PM	4:38 AM
Friday	6:52 PM	5:35 AM
Saturday	7:51 PM	6:36 AM
Sunday	8:49 PM	7:38 AM
Monday	9:42 PM	8:41 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
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UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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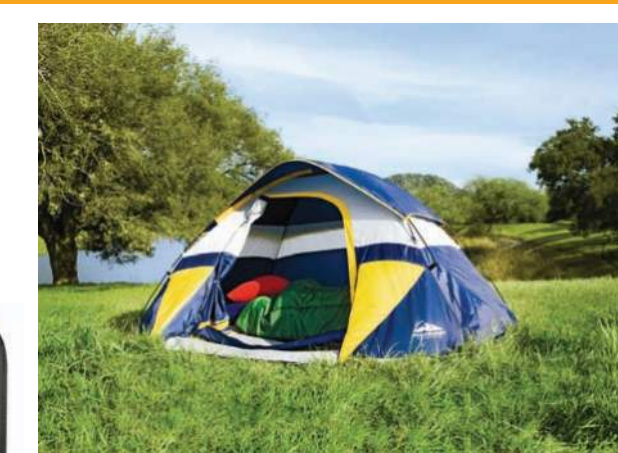
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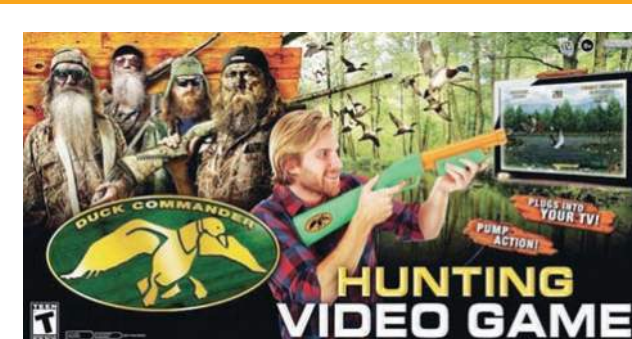
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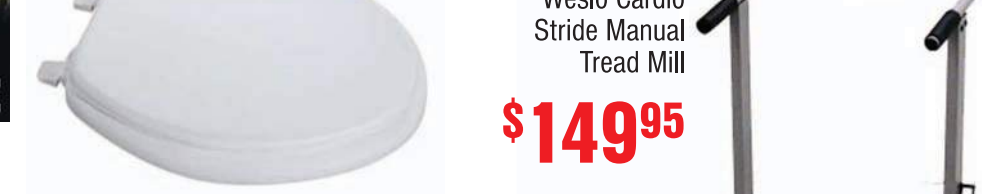
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Obama signs bill lowering NMI cost-share for Army Corps projects

The Northern Marianas will pay a smaller local share for Army Corps projects in the islands as a result of President Obama's signing of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act yesterday. The new law contains a provision added by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) that requires the Corps to increase a waiver of the local cost-share to adjust for inflation over the last three decades. The old waiver was \$200,000; the new waiver is estimated to be at least \$400,000.

"The waiver of the first \$200,000 of the local cost for Army Corps projects was set in 1986," Sablan said. "I thought we were long overdue to adjust that number to account for inflation. 'I am very appreciative that Chairman Bill Shuster, who

authored the bill, and his Democratic counterpart on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Nick Rahall agreed and added my provision."

"What this means for the Northern Marianas is that Army Corps projects will now be able to move forward without the Commonwealth first having to come up with \$400,000 of local funds."

The precise dollar amount of the new waiver has to be calculated by the Army Corps of Engineers using economic data on the rate of inflation over the last 28 years. Sablan's office has already been in touch with the Corps. "We asked them to start thinking about it," Sablan explained. "Although, of course, nothing official could happen until the Presi-

dent actually signed the bill into law.

"This should be a fairly straightforward calculation. And we would like to see the new, higher waiver amount available soon so that projects move forward based on the lowered local cost."

Army Corps projects in development for the Northern Marianas include the Saipan Lagoon Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration project, which is designed to improve water quality and the reef habitat of near-shore areas of the lagoon by containing run-off.

"With our tourism economy on the upswing it is time to refocus attention on maintaining the quality of the environment that visitors come here to enjoy," the Congressman said. "Unfiltered run-off can lead to beach closures

and can kill the fish and coral reefs that are important both to tourists and to residents."

In fiscal 2011 Sablan sought a special congressional appropriation, or "earmark," of \$250,000 for the lagoon restoration. But the incoming Republican majority in the House of Representatives banned earmarking before Sablan's request could be funded.

"In a sense we have gotten around that earmark ban by reducing the local cost of the lagoon restoration by at least \$200,000," Sablan remarked. "And that earmark would have been a one-time benefit, whereas the change in the local cost-share that the President signed today is a gift that will keep giving every time the Army Corps of Engineers does a project

in our islands. So in the end we got a much better deal."

Other recent Army Corps projects in the NMI have included improvements to the Rota Harbor completed in 2008 and the on-going Su-supe-Chalan Kanoa Drainage Plan to fix flooding in those two villages.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act took a tortuous path to enactment. The Senate passed its version of the bill in May 2013 and the House passed its version five months later. Then the bills sat, waiting for appointment of conference committee members to work out differences.

In November 2013, Sablan joined 29 colleagues from

both sides of the aisle in a letter urging Speaker John Boehner and Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi to appoint conferees, which the two party leaders soon did. But it took another six months for the conference committee to find common ground and file their final version of the bill, H.R. 3080. The House approved that bipartisan agreement by a vote of 412-4 on May 20 of this year; the Senate followed two days later with a vote of 91-7; and the bill became law today with the President's signature of approval.

It has been seven years since the last water resources bill was enacted. (*Office of the Delegate*)

Fee waivers for NMC's Cash for College workshop participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their fall 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived—a savings of up to \$75.

These free workshops will be held on Saipan and Tinian on the following dates:

■ June 21: Saipan "Cash for College" Workshop, 9am to 3pm, NMC Saipan's Building A

■ June 24: Tinian "Cash for College" Workshop, 9am to 1pm, NMC Tinian Room D

These workshops will be ongoing sessions, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshops.

The aim of the workshops is to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant and more.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2013 1040 tax form (2013 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (*NMC*)

Mafea invites Filipino engineers, architects to June 15 gathering

The Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers and Architects is inviting all Filipino engineers and architects on Saipan and Guam for the scheduled get-together on June 15, 2014, in conjunction with the 116th Independence Day celebration activities organized by United Filipino Organizations. This event will be held on June 15, 2014, at the Garapan Fishing Base; look for the Mafea tent.

Coinciding with these get-together, Mafea will also conduct its yearly election of officers and board of directors for 2014-2015. The incoming sets of officers and board members will continue Mafea's upcoming projects.

Mafea projects that have been completed include replacement of dilapidated basketball court ring backboard at Oleai Elementary School; construction of new concrete planters, fabrication and erection of benches, design and estimate of the bus shelter station, curbs and driveways; and design and estimate of Hopwood Junior High School's concrete flagpole.

Upcoming projects include Auto/Cad Training level 2 - Civil 3D.

For more information, call Jojo at 888-0896; Lito at 989-8905; or Randy at 888-0899. (*Mafea*)



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- All applications must be submitted no later than **4:30pm on Friday, June 13, 2014** at the following sites:
- > **Division of Youth Services - Parent Education Program**, located in Capitol Hill (Bldg. #1340)
- > **Division of Youth Services - Administration Office**, located across Legislature
- > **Street Market on Thursdays at DYS Booth**
- > **Garapan Community Development Center**



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For more information, please contact the Division of Youth Services at 664-2550/2552, or Arts Council at 322-9982/9983

Jorgensen claims limited Internet access; his lawyer went to Mongolia

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORT

Claiming that he has extremely limited Internet access and that his lawyer went to Mongolia, Betty Johnson's original counsel, Bruce Jorgensen, has asked the federal court for an extension of time to file his declarations in support of his motion for approval of a settlement agreement with the CNMI government for his attorney's fees and costs.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood gave Jorgensen no later than yesterday, June 10, to file and serve one or more declarations containing all direct testimony that supports his motion for approval of the settlement reached with the CNMI government. Jorgensen initially asked for at least \$18.6 million, but he settled with the government for \$800,000. The court, however, placed the matter under advisement.

Jorgensen told the court Monday that circumstances have made compliance with the deadline seemingly impossible for his counsel, Mitchell F. Thompson, and for himself.

Jorgensen said he received a copy of Tydingco-Gatewood's May 31, 2014, order three days later due to his extremely limited access to Internet and email services. He said he presently has no office and no access to necessary files and documentary materials.

After receiving the order, he said he immediately sent a copy of the order to Thompson via email, and sought to reach Thompson both via email and several phone calls.

Jorgensen said an email auto-

reply indicated that Thompson would be out of office from June 2 to 15, 2014. He later learned that Thompson had gone on a scheduled vacation to Mongolia.

Jorgensen said that Thompson's assistant explained that while traveling to Mongolia, Thompson has extremely limited Internet access and no access to any office.

This, Jorgensen said, make it very difficult if not impossible for Thompson to assist him in complying with the order prior to the lawyer's return to Guam on June 16, 2014.

Jorgensen also disclosed that since receiving the order, he sought to obtain and review some hearing transcripts—both of which may be vital to his ability to prepare and comply with the order, and to support his settlement.

He said he has yet to receive a response from the court reporter.

In the same order, Tydingco-Gatewood encouraged Jorgensen and Johnson's San Rafael, California-based lawyer Timothy Lord, to continue discussions between themselves and the CNMI government regarding their petitions for attorney's fees and costs.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the discussions should be with the assistance of Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert J. Faris if necessary, so that these pending matters may be resolved expeditiously.

Lord was also given no later than yesterday, June 10, to file and serve a final fee petition. Lord's initial demand was either \$3.6 million or \$5.9 million.

The judge placed his petition under advisement.

Johnson's local counsel, Ste-

phen Woodruff, asked between \$1 million to \$2.9 million, but he settled with the government for \$185,000. Last March 3, Tydingco-Gatewood approved the CNMI government's settlement with Woodruff.

Tydingco-Gatewood recently disclosed that Johnson's Hawaii-based counsel, Bronster Hoshibata law firm, has reached a settlement deal with the CNMI government on its petition for attorney's fees and costs.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she is awaiting the filing of a motion to approve the settlement. She did not mention the amount involved in the settlement.

Bronster Hoshibata's original demand was \$17.5 million to be paid in installments.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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Oliver Manglona, son of Charles and Lorna Manglona of Sinapalo, Rota, graduated from the University of Hawaii law school on May 18, 2014. He is a 2007 Rota High School graduate. Shown in the picture, from left to right, are Paul Manglona Jr., Charlene Ogo, Kaily Ogo, Donald Manglona, Oliver, and Will Torres.

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Notice of Zoning Board Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Monday, June 30th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • E-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings:

Enforcement hearing on the above-referenced Notice of Violation (NOV) 2014-1772, issued on 5/20/14 to Mr. Wei Dong Guo of Pretty Tour (American Herbal Essence Corporation), for constructing structures and installing signs without permits. This property is located on Beach Road in Garapan, on TR 21075, south of the new TICO building and north of Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center. Under section 1406 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, Mr. Guo appeals to the Zoning Board the order of the Zoning Administrator to meet and submit site plans for compliance purposes and assessing penalties.

C. Miscellaneous:

Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



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UFO sets activities for *Pistang Pinoy*

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The United Filipino Organization has a bevy of activities lined up for the 2014 *Pistang Pinoy* this Sunday, June 15, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

First up, the Tau Gamma Phi Fraternity will be organizing a medical mission where volunteer nurses will be conducting blood pressure and

glucose level checks. There will also be a vision check by Hardt Eye Clinic.

"We are hoping that the Department of Public Health can join us so we can offer more free services to the CNMI community," said UFO president Annamae Adaza.

Next up is a *Panlasang Pinoy* food contest spearheaded by Akap Pinoy from 12pm to 2pm. The prepared menu includes

crispy *kangkong* appetizer, *ampalaya* for ensalada; *sinigang na baboy* for soup, grilled tuna fish with lemon butter sauce for the main course, and *sapin-sapin* for dessert.

Prizes are set at \$200 for first place, \$150 for second, and \$100 for third, including certificates of participation. Deadline for registration is today, June 12, and at least two members per participant are required.

Contests, games, non-stop live entertainment, and raffle drawings will follow from 2pm to 6pm.

The contests include making *nipa* huts using popsicle sticks, a father-and-child singing contest, and a drawing contest for kids. Games include sack race, tug-of-war, and a jumping house for children.

The contestants of the 2014 Pinoy Super Mom beauty page-

ant will also be introduced to the public.

Major sponsors of *Pistang Pinoy* include Docomo Pacific, in cooperation with LBC Mabuhay, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Coca-Cola, Marpac, Dollar Days, and KWAU 100.3 FM.

For the Nipa Hut contest call or text Shella Gaviola at 989-8435 or Ana De Guzman at 989-2498. For the father-and-child singing contest call or text Olive Yana at 989-9823. For vendor inquiries, call or text Lyn Dela Cruz at 789-8386.

Fiesta Resort to fete Pinoy Super Mom bets

Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan will be treating the candidates of the first ever 2014 Pinoy Super Mom to a cocktail dinner tonight. The event will take place at 6pm at Fiesta's Chambre Bar.

"Our hardworking mothers deserve a special treat. Aside from great food and drinks, it's bonding time for all of them. Our candidates will also be voting for Miss Friendship that night," said United Filipino Organizations president Annamae Adaza.

According to her, the candidates will practice their self-

introduction for the pageant while Pinoy Super Mom event director Ernie Molina will share his knowledge on table etiquette and social graces.

"Definitely, we want to give all the mothers a total transformation that they can use in their daily lives," Adaza said.

The door for tonight's cocktail event will open at 5pm with a \$1 entrance fee that entitles the purchaser to a raffle ticket.

The 2014 Pinoy Super Mom is slated for June 21, from 6pm to 10pm at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall. (Jayson Camacho)



HOW DO YOU VITAMINWATER?

"How do you vitaminwater?" photo contest first prize winner Guillermo C. Santos, second right, of Dandan receives his Xbox One entertainment system from Rusty M. Loyola, second left, operations manager, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc. They are joined by Power 99 representatives, Alexandra Servantes, left, and Christie "Dice" Hix.

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Second prize winner Peachy Quitugua, a resident of Tanapag, receives a PS4 game console from Rusty M. Loyola, operations manager, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc., and Christie "Dice" Hix, disc jock, Power 99.



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Third prize winner Ray L. Babauta of Koblerville accepts his Kindle Fire HD from Rusty M. Loyola, operations manager, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc.



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Chinese media offer Taste of the Marianas

Three Chinese media outlets are offering their subscribers a sampling of Saipan, focusing on the 16th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden, which concluded on May 31.

The World is Fun and *Dailan Morning* television programs and *World Travel* magazine all

covered the festival, which traditionally brings some of the best of island cuisine and entertainment to American Memorial Park each Saturday during May Tourism Month.

The World is Fun is produced by Hunan TV, the most popular and influential TV station next to CCTV in China and the Chi-

nese-speaking world.

"While *The World is Fun* was filming at Taste of the Marianas, a number of Chinese tourists and residents recognized the hosts, Wei-Jia Li and Xiao-Ya Wang, and asked for their autographs or to have photos taken with them," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing man-



Media representatives of China's *The World is Fun* and *Dailan Morning* television programs and *World Travel* magazine were on Saipan in May 2014 to cover the 16th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.



China's *The World is Fun* hosts Xiao-Ya Wang, left, and Wei-Jia Li, right, prepare to take a discovery tour via air of Saipan on May 11, 2014.

ager Bruce Bateman. "Having celebrities such as these visit the Northern Marianas will help promote the islands and hopefully generate interest among more production teams to come for film or photography missions [that] display our destination."

The World is Fun will feature a 20-minute segment on

the Northern Marianas. *Dailan Morning* offers travel information and recommendations and is the top-rated broadcast for its time slot in the city of Dailan (population 6 million-plus). *World Travel* has a circulation of 30,000 among the middle and high-end market.

The media also visited Moby Dick, Country House

Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Saipan's White Sand Chapel, seafood dinner at Fiesta Resort & Spa, Sabalu Market, Capricciosa Restaurant, Tony Roma's, and a dinner cruise aboard the *Jade Lady*. The show also filmed marine sports on Managaha, a jungle tour, and activities with Marianas Trekking. (MVA)

'Good Morning Russia' films shows on Saipan

The Russian television program *Good Morning Russia* wrapped up five days of filming on Saipan last Friday, June 6, in preparation for five programs to air later this year. The programs will air to more than 1 million viewers in Russia and in 58 other countries around the world.

While on Saipan, the production team filmed typical island living with a local family, a Chamolinian wedding, a boat trip with local fishermen, diving with Speedy Turtle, island scenic and historic sites, a submarine tour, and took a discovery flight over Saipan. The program will also feature information

about the Marianas Trench.

"The 'Good Morning Russia' media FAM tour was somewhat unique in that they wanted to showcase a bit of island lifestyle by filming with a local family and fishermen," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "With the wide distribution of this

show around the world, it's a good opportunity to show Russian visitors an inside look at the Northern Marianas. Our exit surveys show that Russians and other visitors want to see local culture."

Lodging was provided by Saipan World Resort and Pacific Island Club Saipan. (MVA)

Japan media groups continue interest in Northern Marianas

The Marianas Visitors Authority continues to woo media groups from Japan to counter a recent decline in Japanese visitors.

"Japan continues to be important for the Northern Mariana Islands to ensure a healthy market mix from all our source countries. Historically, the Japanese visitor has been the backbone of our tourism industry, and we are working hard to produce a turnaround in the market," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Meanwhile, we continue to reach out to media FAM (familiarization) groups, who also continue to express interest in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and provide us wide-reaching coverage in Japan. We supplement these NMI-based media tours with many different kinds of promotions in Japan."

In recent months, four Japanese media outlets have covered the islands. TV show *Sekai no Nihonjinsuma ha Mita!* on TBS circulates to over 4 million households, featuring Japanese wives who live overseas and are married to locals. *Good Morning Japan* morning news program airs on NHK. Oceana is the largest diving website in Japan with over 230,000 page views per month. *ITOMA* is a free monthly magazine featuring

culture, gourmet food, cosmetics, and travel information targeting office ladies in their 20s and 30s.

"Factors such as reduced air service, devaluation of the yen, and a recent Japan-side consumer tax increase are all negatively affecting visitor arrivals from Japan, but from these media visits we see the Japanese are still interested in travel to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," said Bateman.

Sekai no Nihonjinsuma ha Mita focused their filming in Garapan and at the highlighted married couple's residence. The report of *Good Morning Japan* focused on unique characters from countries overseas, introducing Saipan-da and his island home of Saipan. Oceana spent their entire trip on Rota, making one to three dives daily. *ITOMA* explored popular sites as such Managaha, Grotto, and Mt. Tapochau, as well as lesser known sites such as Santa Lourdes Shrine, Wing Beach, and Forbidden Island. Other stops included Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Star Sands Plaza, Country House Restaurant, Mandi Asia Spa, and Winchell's.

Hotel accommodations were provided by Saipan Oceanview Hotel, Rota Resort & Country Club, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. (MVA)



A television production team from *Good Morning Russia* was on Saipan on June 2-7, 2014, to film for five upcoming episodes that will air internationally. Pictured from left are cameraman Evgeny Gusev, Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Tatiana Babauta, presenter Andrey Petrichuk, producer Ekaterina Yasnopolskaya, and cameraman Pavel Kucheriaev.

51 obtain training on suicide intervention

Behavioral Health Solutions, in collaboration with the Division of Public Health, hosted two sessions of trainings for certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST, on Saipan to help build capacity for suicide prevention. These two sessions trainings was held over the course of two days each, May 27-28 and June 5-6, at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort, completing the 11th ASIST training these past four years in the CNMI by trainers Becky Robles and Jennifer Maratita. This event was in efforts and collaborations with community partners toward prevention and awareness and annual health observance supported by SAMHSA that celebrates the work that community organizations and individuals do year-round to prevent substance abuse and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

A total of 51 participants completed this training that included community partners of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Division of Public Health, Public School System, Department of Corrections, Commonwealth Cancer Association, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northern Marianas College, and Division of Youth Services.

The training began on May 27 to 28 and a second session on June 5 to 6. The two trainers, Rebecca Robles, acting NCD administrator, and Jennifer Maratita of Behavioral Health Solutions and instructor at the Northern Marianas College, are registered trainers through LivingWorks Education. This registered certification of the two CNMI-based trainers was made possible through the Substance Abuse and Preven-



Trainers Rebecca Robles and Jennifer Maratita, seated front, have their picture taken with participants of the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on Saipan.

tion Grant and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Prevention and Training Branch of Guam that was held in 2010 to promote suicide prevention efforts in the Micronesian Region, and to date totaling over 240 certified caregivers in the CNMI through this project's efforts.

According to LivingWorks Education, the ASIST training is the most widely used, acclaimed and researched suicide intervention skills training in the world. The benefits of the ASIST T4T, is that the community sustains locally trained trainers that can certify additional caregivers on how to respond and help someone with suicidal thoughts or may be at risk

of attempting suicide. If you or someone you know is talking about wanting to die, seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or by calling the National Prevention Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK for support.

The CNMI's Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and Division of Public Health are currently taking significant steps toward increasing community-based collaboration that will result in more successful suicide prevention activities and early intervention efforts.

Behavioral Health Solutions has current plans that include additional ASIST certification trainings throughout the year to various agencies and members of the community. Space is limited, so contact LivingworksCNMI@gmail.com for more information. (PR)



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Neighbor reaching out for relief should have his hands slapped

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I live next to a married couple our age we have befriended. Unfortunately, the husband has been making unwanted advances toward my girlfriend. Being friendly with them both, we have kept it to ourselves so as not to hurt the wife. She's ill and has been in and out of the hospital.

The husband is approaching my girlfriend saying he needs "stress relief" because his wife is ill. We now feel something needs to be said to the wife, but we still have to live next door to them.

We're at a loss. What's the best way to handle this?

HAD ENOUGH IN FLORIDA

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: The next time this man hits on your girlfriend, she should tell him bluntly that it's not her job to "relieve his stress." That is his responsibility. She should also tell him if it happens again she'll tell you AND his wife what he's up to.

As to being friendly with this couple in the future, **FORGET IT.** That bridge was burned the first time he stepped out of line.

DEAR ABBY: I have a colleague who's a drama queen. Perhaps I'm a little bit guilty, too, but "Sharon" talks excessively about her

personal life. There's the boyfriend who doesn't support her and their 2-year-old child financially or emotionally, her mom who suffers from many medical conditions, and her neighbor whose daughter was murdered some months ago. Sharon's life seems to be a magnet for drama.

My colleagues and I have lent our ears and our shoulders to cry on. I have also tried to advise her (like you do) to no avail. I have now reached my limit. Is there a tactful way to deal with her? We work in proximity at least half the time, so total avoidance is not possible.

INUNDATED IN HAWAII

DEAR INUNDATED: If Sharon asks you for advice, tell her you don't have any more to offer. And if she starts dumping on you, handle it by saying kindly, but firmly, that you need to work and don't have time to listen. If you say it often enough, Sharon will find someone else to listen. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: Do you have any advice for fathers who don't listen to you? Or fathers who are too protective and don't know how to let go?

STARGIRL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR STARGIRL: My advice to fathers would be to form

DEAR ABBY

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as close a relationship with their daughters as they can while the girls are little. Teenage girls whose fathers are involved in their lives tend to engage in sexual activity at later ages.

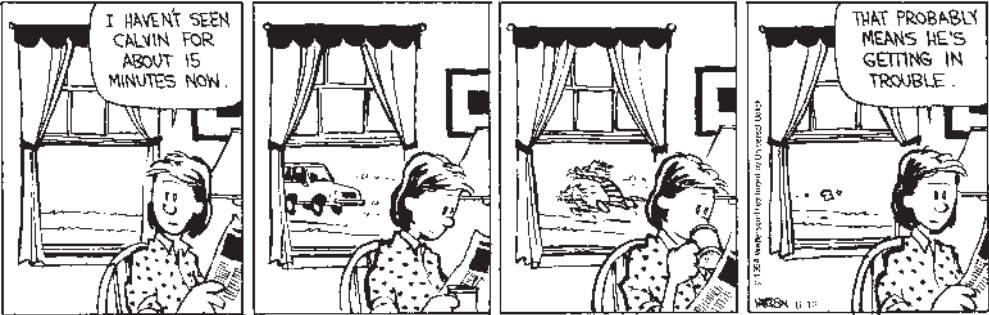
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Leonard, Spurs roll to 111-92 win over Heat



MIAMI (AP)—Maybe in a video game. Possibly in the pre-game layup line.

But shoot this way in the NBA Finals, against the two-time defending champions?

"It's not something you can plan for," San Antonio reserve Manu Ginobili said. "There was no magic plays. We just moved the ball and every shot went in."

Not quite every shot. But just about.

Kawhi Leonard scored a career-high 29 points, and the Spurs made a finals-record 75.8 percent of their shots in the first half in a 111-92 victory over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night that gave them a 2-1 lead.

The Spurs made 19 of their first 21 shots and finished 25 of 33 in the first half, bettering the 75 percent shooting by Orlando against the Lakers in the 2009 finals.

"It's a hit-or-miss league," Miami's Dwyane Wade said.

The Spurs didn't do much missing.

"I don't think we'll ever shoot 76 percent in a half ever again," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

The Spurs led by as much as 25 and were only briefly challenged in their second lopsided victory in the series.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade had 22 points for the Heat, who host Game 4 on Thursday.

Returning to the arena where they were oh-so-close to winning a fifth championship last year, the Spurs came out playing like they were trying to build a lead that was impossible to blow.

They shot 13 of 15 and led 41-25 lead after the first quarter, then hit their first six shots of the second in front of a stunned crowd in Miami to go ahead 55-30.

Leonard scored only 18 points in the first two games, looking frustrated while getting into foul



Miami Heat guard Ray Allen, left, and forward Chris Andersen block a shot by San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard, center, in the second half in Game 3 of the NBA basketball finals in Miami, Tuesday, June 10, 2014. AP

trouble trying to defend James in Game 2. But he had his outside shot working early, making his first six shots and finishing 10 of 13 from the field.

"I just found a rhythm and my teammates found me the ball. I made shots," Leonard said.

The last three NBA seasons ended in this building, the last two followed by Heat championship parades.

The Spurs nearly canceled the last one, building a five-point lead in the final half-minute of regulation of Game 6, a title seeming so certain that workers were already making preparations around the court.

But the Heat rallied to win in overtime and took Game 7, leaving the Spurs with a sum-

mer to think about the one that got away.

They're in good shape to get another chance.

With the league scrapping the 2-3-2 format for the NBA Finals—in which the lower seed played three consecutive home games—the Spurs would have a chance to wrap it up in San Antonio on Sunday in Game 5 if they can win Thursday.

Chris Bosh took only four shots and scored nine points for the Heat, who for the second straight year will have to overcome a 2-1 finals deficit after being blown out in Game 3.

This rout came on their home floor, where they had been 8-0 this postseason and had won a franchise-record 11 in a row

since the Spurs beat them in Game 1 last year.

San Antonio inserted Boris Diaw into the lineup, countering Miami's small lineup and creating more ball movement that clearly helped Leonard. The game got off to a crisp start, with the Spurs making their first five shots and Miami opening 4 for 4.

Turned out the Spurs were just getting started.

Coach Erik Spoelstra planned to communicate with James to make sure there were no lingering problems from the cramps that forced him to miss the final minutes of the opener. But there was no way he could rest James early, since he was the only one keeping the Heat in the

game. He had 14 of their first 20 points, but even James couldn't keep up with the Spurs' pace.

The Spurs "came out at a different gear than what we were playing at, and it just seemed we were on our heels the most part of the first half," Spoelstra said.

San Antonio led 71-50 at half-time. It was the first 70-point first half in the finals since the Lakers scored 75 against Boston in Game 2 in 1987.

The Heat finally got into it in the third, running off 10 straight points to cut a 17-point deficit to 81-74 on a drive by Norris Cole, who had replaced an ineffective Mario Chalmers.

That was as close as Miami would get, as the Spurs pulled away in the fourth.

Shelly Sterling heads to court

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shelly Sterling's attorney will be in probate court on Wednesday to seek an emergency order for a hearing so a judge can confirm her authority to sell the Los Angeles Clippers, according to an individual familiar with the matter.

The individual was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shelly Sterling brokered what would be a record-breaking \$2 billion deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer to sell the team after her husband and co-owner Donald Sterling made racist comments to a girlfriend that were recorded and publicized. The NBA moved swiftly to oust him as an owner.

But Donald Sterling has vowed not to sell and is suing the NBA for \$1 billion.

Donald Sterling said in a statement released by his attorney on Tuesday that he's fighting for the fundamental rights of Americans against the NBA which he calls "a band of hypo-

crites and bullies" and "despicable monsters."

His statement is titled in caps and underlined: "WHY I AM FIGHTING THE NBA? THE NBA WANTS TO TAKE AWAY OUR PRIVACY RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH."

Shelly Sterling contends she is the sole trustee of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the team. Donald Sterling was stripped as co-trustee after two neurologists last month determined he was suffering from dementia and "mentally incapacitated" under the trust's conditions, according to a person who is familiar with the trust and the medical evaluations but could not speak publicly.

The aim of Sterling's court bid is to have a judge confirm provisions of the family trust to ensure the Ballmer sale moves forward without a hitch. Donald

Sterling has the right to present his side at any hearing and appeal any decision.

His attorney Maxwell Blecher said a representative for Donald Sterling will be at the hearing, and that the main issue to be decided is whether Donald Sterling is mentally competent.

"There isn't the slightest evidence he's incapable of managing his affairs," Blecher said. He said the next step is to have other doctors evaluate Sterling.

"I have no doubt at the end of the day the court is not going to say he's incompetent. That's a very high burden in the probate court—otherwise people would get their sisters and wife and brother-in-laws and everybody declared incompetent."

Though both Sterlings will have their own attorneys at the hearing Wednesday and they live apart, the couple remains "chummy," Blecher said.

"It's what I describe to people as a strange estrangement, they don't seem at all hostile to each other, and he's very solicitous of her," Blecher said. "They've been married 58 years. Each threatens the other one they're going to get a divorce but they never did and never have."

On Monday, Donald Sterling pulled his support from the Ballmer deal. He instructed his attorneys to prosecute the lawsuit against the NBA that alleges the league violated his constitutional rights by relying on information from an "illegal" recording that publicized racist remarks he made to a girlfriend.

It also said the league committed a breach of contract by fining Sterling \$2.5 million and that it violated antitrust laws by trying to force a sale.

Donald Sterling agreed to ink the deal and drop the suit last week assuming "all their differ-

ences had been resolved," his attorneys said. But individuals close to the negotiations who weren't authorized to speak publicly said he decided to not sign the papers after learning the NBA won't revoke its lifetime ban and \$2.5 million fine.

"He never voluntarily said 'Oh let's sell the team for \$2 billion,' he didn't care about the money and he's walking away from it now. It's not about the money," Blecher said. "To him it's about the ownership of the team, the maintenance of his integrity, reputation and dignity. That's what he wanted from the league. He wanted to have them help him restore it and they wouldn't do it."

Donald Sterling's comments to V. Stiviano included telling her to not bring black people to Clippers games, specifically mentioning Hall of Famer Magic Johnson. They resulted in outrage from the public and players and even President Barack Obama.

Price meets with Cavs about coaching job

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mark Price's basketball background is loaded with honors and awards. His head coaching resume is a little thin.

That might not matter to the Cavaliers.

A four-time All-Star point guard during nine seasons with Cleveland, Price interviewed Tuesday with the Cavs, who fired Mike Brown nearly a month ago and have been on a twisting search for his successor. The quest has brought them to Price, who spent last season as an assistant in Charlotte under Steve Clifford, who believes the 50-year-old is ready to slide into the top seat.

"Obviously we don't want to lose him," Clifford said. "He has done a great job here. He's ready to be a head coach and the fact that they called and got permission to speak with him shows how much they think of him as a coach and it would be great if it worked out. Bad for us, but good for him."

Price started Tuesday doing his usual routine, working with Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist on his jumper—a continuing work in progress. Afterward, Price left for Cleveland to meet with the Cavs, who have certainly caught the attention of their fans by bringing in Price, one of the most beloved players in franchise history.

What Price may lack in head-coaching experience—he's only coached the Melbourne South Dragons in 2005 and Orlando's summer league team—he makes up for with his experience as a high-caliber player, his ability to teach and overall hoops knowledge.

There's been a recent trend of NBA teams signing unproven coaches. The hirings of Steve Kerr in Golden State and Derek Fisher in New York, both former point guards without extensive head coaching backgrounds, could prompt the Cavaliers to take a shot with Price.

Price is the sixth known candidate to meet with the Cavs. The team intends to bring back Clippers assistant coach Alvin Gentry for a second interview this week. The Cavs have also met with Clippers assistant Tyrone Lue, Bulls assistant Adrian Griffin, former Memphis coach Lionel Hollins and former Clippers and Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro.

Cleveland has also contacted Kentucky coach John Calipari, who signed a seven-year, \$52 million contract with the school last week.

The Cavs have not commented during the search for their third coach in three years.

Wainwright, Cardinals shut out Rays, 1-0



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida

(AP)—Adam Wainwright became the NL's first nine-game winner and the St. Louis Cardinals beat Tampa Bay 1-0 on Tuesday night, the Rays' third straight shutout loss.

The Cardinals have three consecutive shutouts for the first time since April 2013. St. Louis, with 13 shutouts this season, was coming off 5-0 victories over Toronto on Saturday and Sunday.

Tampa Bay has been blanked an AL-leading 10 times. The Rays, who have lost 14 of 15, have not scored in 28 innings.

Wainwright (9-3) scattered seven hits over seven innings. Trevor Rosenthal got four outs, including a bases-loaded pop fly by Matt Joyce in the eighth, for his 17th save.

Matt Holliday put the Cardinals ahead with his fourth homer, a long drive to left-center in the sixth off tough-luck loser Jake Odorizzi (2-7).

Angels 2, Athletics 1, 14 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Collin Cowgill hit a two-out homer in the 14th inning and Los Angeles outlasted Oakland for its fifth consecutive victory.

Josh Hamilton drove in Mike Trout in the sixth for the Angels, who bounced back after Yoenis Cespedes kept it tied in the eighth by cutting down Howie Kendrick at the plate with a 300-foot throw on the fly from deep down the left-field line.

Cowgill connected against Jeff Francis (0-1), driving a two-strike pitch just over Cespedes' head into the bullpens beyond left field.

Nick Punto doubled and scored the tying run on Jed Lowrie's sacrifice fly in the eighth for the A's, who have lost four of six. Los Angeles trimmed Oakland's lead in the AL West to 2 1/2 games.

Cory Rasmus (2-0) pitched two hitless innings for Los Angeles' maligned bullpen, which yielded one run in eight innings.

Yankees 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Jacoby Ellsbury lined an RBI single on an 0-2 pitch to score Derek Jeter with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, sending New York past Seattle.

Ellsbury extended his hitting streak to 14 games—the longest for a Yankees player since Jeter's 19-game streak in 2012—and gave New York its fourth victory in 11 games. Ellsbury's hit came after Jeter's ground-rule double ended the night for Mariners starter Hisashi Iwakuma (4-3), who had not been threatened since the first inning.

Dellin Betances (4-0) got the win in relief of starter Vidal Nuno despite giving up the lead in the seventh on Dustin Ackley's RBI single.



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Brian Dozier hit a two-run home run, Kevin Correia won for the first time in four starts and Minnesota beat Toronto.

Newly signed slugger Kendrys Morales had two hits and scored a run as the Twins avoided falling a season-worst five games below .500.

The Blue Jays were shut out for the third time in four games.

Correia (3-7) allowed six hits, walked one and struck out one in six innings. It was his first scoreless outing since Aug. 27, 2013, with seven innings against Kansas City.

J.A. Happ (5-3) lost for the second time in three starts for Toronto, allowing four runs, three earned, and six hits in 3 2-3 innings. He walked three and struck out three.

Royals 9, Indians 5

In Kansas City, Mo., Jason Vargas cooled down hot-hitting Cleveland, Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer and Kansas City held on to beat the Indians.

Hosmer also drove in a run during a four-run fourth inning. Alex Gordon homered in the eighth and Mike Moustakas hit a two-run shot later that inning as the Royals (32-32) moved back to .500 by matching their second-best run total of the season.

Vargas (6-2) gave up six hits and hit three batters with pitches, but didn't allow a run until Jason Kipnis drove in a

pair with a two-out double in the eighth. Aaron Crow got four outs for his first save of the season.

Corey Kluber (6-4), who dominated the Royals earlier this season, allowed six runs — three earned — and six hits over five innings.

Red Sox 1, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Brandon Workman allowed one hit over 6 2-3 innings, and Boston beat Chris Tillman and the Baltimore Orioles for its second win in eight games.

Mike Napoli's third-inning RBI single was all the offense the Red Sox needed to come out on the positive end of a pitchers' duel for the first time this season. Boston was 0-18 when scoring fewer than three runs.

Workman (1-0) walked one and struck out four in earning his first win as a starter since last July. The right-hander held the Orioles hitless until Ryan Flaherty singled with two outs in the sixth.

Baltimore's only other hit was a single by Steve Pearce in the ninth off Koji Uehara, who earned his 13th save.

Workman will have a hearing Friday on his appeal of a six-game suspension. He was disciplined for intentionally throwing in the "head area" of Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria on May 30.

Tillman (5-3) seven hits in six innings. It was his first loss in six starts since May 11.

Manny Machado started at third base for the Orioles despite receiving a five-game suspension and a fine for intentionally throwing his bat in Sunday's game against Oakland. Machado appealed the suspension, batted second and went 0 for 4, making the final out on a strikeout.

The game was twice delayed by rain, both times in the second inning, for a total of 1 hour, 33 minutes.

Nationals 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Doug Fister flipped the script from his previous start in San Francisco during the 2012 World Series, tossing seven scoreless innings to help Washington beat Madison Bumgarner.

Bumgarner and the Giants foiled Fister and the Detroit Tigers 2-0 in Game 2 of their Series sweep. The rematch at AT&T Park played out in Fister's favor.

Jayson Werth and Denard Span each drove home a run in the fifth to snap Bumgarner's career-best, six-game winning streak. Werth also threw out a runner at the plate from right field in the sixth.

Fister (5-1) allowed eight hits and walked one in his fifth straight win.

Tyler Clippard escaped a jam in the eighth and Rafael Soriano gave up a run in the ninth before earning his 13th save. Washington has won three in a row and nine of 11.

Bumgarner (8-4) yielded eight hits in seven innings. He hadn't lost since April 28 against San Diego.

Cubs 7, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Anthony Rizzo homered, doubled twice and drove in three runs to lead Chicago over Pittsburgh, spoiling Gregory Polanco's much-anticipated debut.

Rizzo hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Francisco Liriano, who left in the fourth with discomfort on his right side. Rizzo also doubled and scored in the fourth and hit an RBI double in the seventh, a drive to deep right-center that struck Polanco's left wrist as the touted rookie tried to make the catch.

Polanco went 1 for 5 after getting called up from Triple-A Indianapolis, where the right fielder was leading the International League with a .347 batting average and 49 RBIs in 62 games.

Pinch-hitter Luis Valbuena's two-run double off Casey Sadler (0-1) broke a 3-all tie in the sixth.

Travis Wood (6-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer for the Pirates.

Dodgers 6, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Josh Beckett allowed two hits in six shutout innings, Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run single and Los Angeles defeated Cincinnati in a game delayed more than 2 hours by rain.

Beckett (4-3) also singled in a three-run fifth for the Dodgers, who have won three straight and four of five. The right-hander, who had endured two consecutive 2-1 losses since his no-hitter May 25 in Philadelphia, finished with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Mike Leake (3-6) allowed five runs and a season-high nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. Leake, who lost seven games last season, had seven strikeouts and one walk.

Reds first baseman Joey Votto went 1 for 3 in his return from the disabled list after missing 23 games.

Braves 13, Rockies 10

In Denver, Andrelton Simmons hit his first career grand slam as part of a seven-run first inning, and Atlanta outslugged Colorado at Coors Field.

Evan Gattis had a home run among his three hits and Freddie Freeman also homered for the Braves, who set season highs for runs and hits (16).

Atlanta slugger Justin Upton left early with a strained left hamstring. He is day to day.

The teams combined for 29 hits and neither starter made it out of the fifth. David Hale (2-0) pitched 2 1-3 innings of re-

lief for the win. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Wilin Rosario homered for Colorado, which has lost 10 of 11 and 15 of 18 to fall six games under .500. Juan Nicasio (5-5) allowed 10 runs and 11 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Phillies 5, Padres 2

In Philadelphia, A.J. Burnett threw 7 1-3 sharp innings and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer in Philadelphia's victory over San Diego.

Back from a 1-5 trip that left them tied with the Cubs for the worst record in the NL, the Phillies opened a six-game homestand with their 13th win at Citizens Bank Park.

Burnett (4-5) allowed two runs and three hits to earn his first win since May 20. Jonathan Papelbon left the bases loaded in a scoreless ninth to record his 300th career save, becoming the 26th pitcher to reach that mark. He has 14 consecutive saves after blowing his first try.

Will Venable hit a solo homer for the Padres. Ian Kennedy (5-7) gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Mets 6, Brewers 2

In New York, Taylor Teagarden hit a grand slam in his Mets debut, Daniel Murphy had a two-run shot and New York beat Milwaukee to snap a six-game skid.

Called up from Triple-A Las Vegas on Sunday to replace demoted catcher Travis d'Arnaud, Teagarden connected for his second career slam after Marco Estrada walked the bases loaded in the sixth.

Daisuke Matsuzaka (3-0) pitched six effective innings and Murphy homered off Estrada (5-3) in the third.

Before the game, Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said manager Terry Collins' job is secure after the team returned from a 4-7 road trip a season-worst seven games under .500.

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 1

In Phoenix, Bronson Arroyo pitched seven strong innings and Aaron Hill had two late RBIs for Arizona.

Arroyo (6-4) matched Houston starter Brad Peacock through seven innings before the Diamondbacks scored two runs off Josh Fields (1-4) in the seventh.

Hill hit a sacrifice fly in the inning and Cody Ross knocked him in with a double to right-center after an error by Astros shortstop Jonathan Villar. Hill added a run-scoring double in the eighth inning to put Arizona up 4-1.

Paul Goldschmidt also homered and Addison Reed worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save. Arizona has won six of eight.

Jon Singleton had three hits for the Astros.

CNMI bowling gets support from MARPAC, Budweiser anew



For the last 25 years MARPAC and Budweiser have continuously supported the Saipan Bowling Association and the Philippine Bowling Association of Saipan.

With MARPAC and Budweiser's sponsorship, SBA was able to conduct its yearly major tournament—the CNMI May Masters Bowling Tournament. For the past seven years, MARPAC and Budweiser have also been the major sponsors of SBA's monthly and annual Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes. Proceeds from these tournaments have been a source of funding for SBA's participation in international competitions.

SBA is an official member of the International Bowling Federation, the World Tenpin Bowling Association, the Asian Bowling Federation, and the Asian Intercity Bowling Council.



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SBA and PBA general secretary and tournament director Ross Zapanta, second from left, shows the \$6,000 check that represents MARPAC and Budweiser's annual sponsorship packages for CNMI bowling. The donation turnover ceremony was held last month at MARPAC's office and was attended by MARPAC sales manager James Lee, left, MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney, and SBA vice president Ador Dimaano, right.

With MARPAC's sponsorship, SBA was able to sustain its membership with the world and regional governing bodies of the sport. Therefore, CNMI bowlers can participate in inter-

national competitions. Since the Philippine Bowling Association was organized in 1989, MARPAC has been its principal sponsor. From its early beginnings of just run-

ning the PBA-Budweiser Saturday Night Bowling League, the PBA has been able to organize and manage other weekly bowling leagues. From 1991, PBA has also been able to conduct the annual PBA-Budweiser Bowler of the Year Tournament and the annual PBA-Budweiser Classified Tournament. Saipan bowlers look forward to these two major PBA events for the very generous cash awards.

The SBA has been in existence for decades, while the PBA is celebrating its 25th year. With Marpac's support, the sport was able to retain loyal players. That support also contributed to the development of better bowlers. The CNMI now have more bowlers that can average over 200 pin falls in leagues and tournaments and more bowlers had bowled the perfect "300" games.

Saipan bowlers can only say a big thank you to MARAPAC and Budweiser for being a major sponsor of the sport. (SBA)

The heat will be on, and the US is happy

SAO PAULO (AP)—While some World Cup teams whine about withering weather and troublesome travel, American players say: Bring it on!



European teams worry they will wilt. The United States considers cauldron-like climates a regular finishing touch, as if the Americans were a Baked Alaska flambe.

And if FIFA added a Road Warrior prize to the Golden Ball, Golden Boot and Golden Glove, the U.S. would be assured of taking home an award. "When you talk about playing in the heat, the travel, it doesn't bother us," midfielder Michael Bradley said Tuesday. "And not only does it not bother us, it excites us to see that now the other teams are so worried about it."

The Americans have the lengthiest first-round trek among the 32 teams at 8,800 air miles, chartering roundtrip flights from Sao Paulo to Natal (1,420 each way), Manaus (1,680) and Recife (1,300).

That's quite a contrast to four years ago, where the U.S. had the shortest group-stage travel in South Africa. To reach their games, the Americans took bus rides from Irene to Rustenburg (62 miles each way), Johannesburg (24) and Pretoria (11) for a total of 194 miles. They needed to pack a weekender only once during the first round, burrowing at their base hotel for the second and third matches.

This year they'll change cities and climates repeatedly. Tuesday's training session at Sao Paulo Futebol Clube started in a 62-degree temperature with a cooling drizzle, but the Americans' games up north figure to be played in the mid-80s or higher. And extreme humidity could make each stadium feel like a sauna.

Accustomed to an August-

through-May club schedule in Europe, where players use gloves and fans insulate in thermals, some soccer officials fret. No European nation has won a World Cup played in the Americas, where Brazil has taken three titles, and Argentina and Uruguay two apiece.

Before the World Cup draw in December, England coach Roy Hodgson called the Amazon rain forest city of Manaus "problematic" and said "you have a better chance if you get one of the venues where the climate is kinder."

"It's going to be incredibly humid and hot," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "We must get used to it, in training and preparing."

The U.S. opens Monday with a 7 p.m. (6 p.m. EDT) match against Ghana in Natal. The AccuWeather forecast calls for a daytime high in the mid-80s, dropping into the 70s in the evening with a couple showers possible.

The Americans next play in Manaus for a 6 p.m. game against Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal on June 22. The extended forecast calls for temperatures in the high-80s that day.

The U.S. completes group play against three-time champion Germany in a 1 p.m. (noon EDT) match in Recife, a port city, where temperatures are typically in the low-80s.

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In the girls U12 singles, Malikawa Miyawaki and Jireh Warren are the co-leaders in Pool A after Day 2 games, holding a 2-0 record. Miyawaki notched her second victory against Anne Skilling, 6-0, 6-1, while Warren defeated Ridianne Wolphagen, 6-3, 6-1. Warren and Miyawaki were slated to collide yesterday for the solo lead in their group.

In Pool B, Conatsu Kaga was unscathed, too, after Day 2, mov-

ing up to a 3-0 slate. She nailed twin wins last Tuesday, thwarting Isabel Garcia in the morning match, 7-5, 6-2, before returning to the court in the afternoon to crush Jocelyn Tenai, 6-0, 6-0. Kaga's teammate Asia Raulerson (2-1) also beat Isabel Garcia, 6-1, 6-2, to give the CNMI the Top 2 spots after Day 2 action.

In the boys U14 singles, Pool B, Luther Lizama is still lording it over as he remained undefeated in three games. He showed no mercy to Abraham Sterkis, 6-0, 6-0, for his third consecu-

tive straight set victory. In Pool A, Haruya Eda had a contrasting fortune, as he dropped to 0-4 slate after bowing to William Joab, 2-6, 0-6, and Mason Caldwell, 0-6, 0-6.

In the girls U14, Julia Ishikawa and Mimi Sakano are tied for the lead after Day 2 with their similar 2-0 records. A 6-0, 6-3 victory over Kanasta Abrams in Pool A match gave Ishikawa her second triumph, while Sakano had the same feat after sweeping Anika Sachdev, 6-2, 6-0. In Pool B. Tania Tan

and Ami Tsukagoshi are also perfect (2-0) with the former whipping Victoria Smith, 6-0, 6-0. Tsukagoshi had a tougher time in Day 2, surviving Sunshein Palik, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the boys U16 singles, the CNMI's lone entry, Colin Ramsey, forced a deadlock for the top spot with former teammate Christopher Cajigan. Ramsey hammered Geryld Etscheit, 6-0, 6-0, to match Cajigan's 3-0 record. Ramsey and Cajigan battle for the No. 1 spot in their group today.

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pair of Andreau Galvez and Jen Savellano led the Top 3. The duo took the division championship after outclassing Lanie Bartolome and Ferdie Arago in three games. Galvez and Savellano drew first blood in the finals, 21-14, but missed the outright win when Arago and

Bartolome labored a 22-20 triumph in the second game. The rubber match was another close one with Galvez and Savellano escaping with a 21-19 win to return on top of the division.

This year's champion pair faltered in its bid last year when it bowed to eventual winners Janelle Pangilinan and Jexler Caranto. Janelle also joined this year's contest, but joined forces

with brother Jordan and the Pangilins made it to the podium after stunning the veteran tandem of Hannah Choi and Glenn Blautjens. The siblings had a so-so performance in the opening game of the consolation match, losing at 9-21, but got their acts together in the last two games to steal the victory, 21-13, 21-13.

In the mixed doubles C finals,

Han Cheoul You and Christine Saplan cruised past the mother-and-son pair of Gigi and Raphael Zapanta, 21-11, 21-10. In the battle for third place, Jeremy Montenejo and Nicole Malasarte also swept Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano, 21-16, 21-10.

Meanwhile, results in the singles title matches will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Friday edition.

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(1:26.77). Suzuki defeated five other swimmers in this event, including teammates Taiyo Akimaru and Leo Takahashi. Taiyo finished third with a time of 1:28.06, surpassing his personal best time (1:34.31), while Takahashi also set a new PBT, recording 1:34.37 (from 1:36.32).

Suzuki's four other victories in his age group came from the 200m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle, and 200m individual medley. In the 200m IM, he submitted 3:23.67 to beat Tsunami Saipan's Hans Xu (3:43.96) and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero (3:49.66). In the 50m freestyle, the SSC bet downed five other swimmers after registering 36.05, a new PBT (from 37.23 seconds).

Takahashi and Taiyo Akimaru joined the same event and timed in at 40.95 seconds and 40.88 seconds, respectively.

In the 50m backstroke race, the same three SSC swimmers were entered in the event with Suzuki logging the fastest time at 46.53 seconds. Takahashi had the third best time at 48.43 seconds, while Taiyo Akimaru was fourth with his 49.13 seconds. In the 200m freestyle, Suzuki's 3:00.05 topped the field, while Taiyo Akimaru (3:22.19) and Takahashi (3:25.31) came in at fourth and fifth. In the 50m butterfly, Suzuki missed a first place sweep after settling for the runner-up honors. Suzuki registered 43.36 seconds against the 42.70 seconds of Camacho-Deleon Guerrero. Taiyo Akimaru also joined the event and clocked in at 50.34 seconds.

Taiyo's older brother Kento participated, too in the 50 butterfly event and placed second with a new PBT 32.33 seconds (from 32.86 seconds). In the much longer 100m butterfly race, Kento also earned a new PBT with his 1:15.31 (1:16.09). The 13-year-old Kento raced in two more events and notched his third PBT after recording 36.93 seconds (from 37.57 seconds) in the 50m backstroke. His fourth event—the 200m backstroke—Akimaru clocked in at 1:24.06.

Meanwhile, five other SSC swimmers also competed in the Guam tournament held last May 30 and 31. Coume Kaga was among them and was the lone female swimmer on the team. She submitted 1:31.11 in the girls 9 to 10' 100m freestyle to eclipse her previous

PBT (1:31.42); 3:14.11 (from 3:18.51) in the 200m freestyle; and 2:00.57 in the 100m breaststroke.

In the boys 11 to 12 age group, SSC had three entries in Rinto Takahashi, Lenosuke Suzuki, and Taiga Sato. Lenosuke placed second in the 50m breaststroke after a new PBT of 42.36 seconds (from 43.82 seconds), while Rinto also gained a PBT, 44.59 seconds from 45.65 seconds. In the 100m freestyle, Lenosuke got his second PBT (1:12.28 from 1:13.10), while Sato timed in at 1:15.91). Sato and Lenosuke also raced in the 400m freestyle (5:49.83) and 50m butterfly (38.80 seconds), respectively.

In the 100m backstroke, Lenosuke clinched his second runner-up finish after a PBT of 1:27.66, while he and Rinto

Takahashi were ranked third and fourth in the 100m breaststroke after recording 1:35.89 and 1:40.25.

In the boys 9 to 10 age group, only Rintaro Miyawaki fought for SSC. He placed second in the 50m backstroke with a PBT of 49.71 seconds; fifth in the 100m freestyle (1:28.79), 50m butterfly (48.16 seconds), and 200m freestyle (3:14.79); and third in the 100m breaststroke (1:53.75).

Rintaro also raced in the mixed 200m freestyle relay with teammates Lenosuke Suzuki, Rinto Takahashi, and Sato and the SSC quartet clocked in at 2:24:98. The club had two entries in the relay with Kaga, Jinnosuke Suzuki, Leo Takahashi, and Taiyo Akimaru forming the other team and submitting 2:41.58.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	27	.591	—
Baltimore	32	31	.508	5½
New York	32	31	.508	5½
Boston	29	35	.453	9
Tampa Bay	24	42	.364	15

Central Division

Detroit	33	27	.550	—
Cleveland	33	32	.508	2½
Kansas City	32	32	.500	3
Chicago	32	33	.492	3½
Minnesota	30	33	.476	4½

West Division

Oakland	39	26	.600	—
Los Angeles	36	28	.563	2½
Seattle	34	30	.531	4½
Texas	31	34	.477	8
Houston	29	37	.439	10½

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	34	29	.540	—
Washington	34	29	.540	—
Miami	34	30	.531	½
New York	29	35	.453	5½
Philadelphia	26	36	.419	7½

Central Division

Milwaukee	38	27	.585	—
St. Louis	34	31	.523	4
Pittsburgh	30	34	.469	7½
Cincinnati	29	34	.460	8
Chicago	26	36	.419	10½

West Division

San Francisco	42	23	.646	—
Los Angeles	35	31	.530	7½
Colorado	29	35	.453	12½
San Diego	28	36	.438	13½
Arizona	29	38	.433	14

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32nd CNMI May Masters Tournament Winners

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Team event third placers, from left, Kathy Mersai, Lori Terre, and Diane Chong pose with their prize package during the awards ceremony for the 32nd CNMI May Masters Tournament last month at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.



Team event champions, from left, Janice Camacho, Carrie Camacho, Emi Williams, and Diana Camacho show their trophies.



May Masters women's champion Lori Terre, center, is joined on the stage by runners-up, from left Gloria Omechelang, Janice Camacho, Emi Williams, and Diana Camacho.



May Masters men's champion Alex Castro, third left, poses with other winners of the tournament.



Team event third finishers Ronald Batac, Ed Baluyan, and Lito Teodoro pose with their prize package.



SBA doubles champions Gloria Omechelang, left, and Tess Fabie pose with their trophies.



SBA doubles winners Robert Talavera and Alex Castro smile for the camera after getting their prizes.



Team event runners-up, from left, Paul Pangelinan, Alex Castro, Raul Dumapit, and Percy Omechelang pose for a group photo.



Singles champion Raul Dumapit, third left, is joined by runners-up, from left, Ronald Batac, Raphael Zapanta, and Ramir De Leon.



All events champion Robert Talavera is flanked by runners-up Raul Dumapit, left and Raymond Angeles.

Leonard,
Spurs roll to
111-92 victory
over Heat

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CNMI players keep strong showing

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team was as steady as a rock in Day 2 of the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships.

"Good news. Thirteen of the CNMI's 14 players have yet to lose a match to a player from another country. Today the CNMI Team went 17-2," coach Jeff Race said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Robbie Schorr and Ken Song are among those unbeaten CNMI bets, who are battling Guam, Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia players, with the former improving to a 4-0 record and Song earning a 3-0 mark. Schorr notched two more wins last Tuesday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Guam, taking only two sets to top his foes. The Grace Christian Academy student posted his first shutout win in Pool A of the boys U12 singles with a 6-0, 6-0 spanking of Deavyn Etschreit



before nearly blanking another opponent in Andrew Leng, 6-0, 6-1. Schorr was scheduled to close out his Pool A assignment yesterday against Freddy Jerson and regardless of the results of his final game, the former is assured of the top spot in the eight-player playoffs (Top 4 finisher in each group).

In Pool B, Ken Song also bagged two wins last Tuesday and will join Schorr to the next round. Song dominated Dakota Gibson, 6-1, 6-0, and Elijah Ziegler, 6-2, 6-0, to lead fellow CNMI player Aditya Tai (2-1) and three others in his group. Rai, who only lost to Song last Monday, got his second win in Day 2 against Gibson, 6-0, 6-0.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
CNMI Tennis Team member Tania Tan, seen here stretching for a return during a tournament at the AMP tennis court last year, was undefeated after Day 2 of the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam last Tuesday.

SSC brings home high-point award Veterans prevail in mixed doubles B finals

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Saipan Swim Club's Jinno-suke Suzuki and Kento Akimaru won high-point awards in last month's 2014 Guam Swimming Championships at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

ships held at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

Suzuki topped the boys U8 age group to get the high-point gold medal, while Akimaru finished third in the boys 13 to 14 division. The high-point awards were given to the Top 3 finishes in each age group and winners were decided based on the

points swimmers got from their respective races.

The 8-year-old Suzuki ruled five races and had one runner-up finish. He got his first win via the 100m freestyle event after clocking in at 1:21.79, which is faster than his seed time

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Saipan Swim Club swimmers pose at the medal podium during last month's 2014 Guam Swimming Championships at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

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The veteran pair of Toshiko Obata and Aries Cordero endured the youthful tandem of Havikka Farro and Deether Edralin in the mixed doubles B title match in the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Obata and Cordero eked out a 21-19 win in the opening game to move one victory away from clinching the division championship, but Farro and Edralin remained in contention with a similar 21-19 triumph in the second game. In the deciding third match, Cordero and Obata showed there was enough juice left in them to keep up with their way much younger opponents and worked out a 21-14 victory.

The mixed doubles B title was third in four years for Obata in the same tournament, while it was Cordero's first. Obata teamed up with Oh Im Bog in bagging back-to-back mixed doubles B crowns in 2011 and 2012 and then partnered with Brendon Talania last year where the former and her new team-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Toshiko Obata makes a return during her and Aries Cordero's game against Mykki Caracut and Ezekiel Macario in the mixed doubles B division of the IT&E badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

mate lost in the semifinals to eventual champions Oh and Alma Ortega.

Joining Obata and Ortega and Farro and Edralin in the Top 3 were Kelvin You and Julie

Lee, who needed only to games to beat Vic Regis and Cheng Saturno, 21-19, 21-18.

In the mixed doubles A, the

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